

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Municipal elections are over for another four years, and there will be a lot of new faces sitting around the table during the city council meetings. Some of this is good and some not so good, and each of us will differ on which is which. Actually, any opinion now would be a guess and one we are hesitant to make, remembering some past predictions of grand things to happen that went sour before the sun went down. Even knowing that we will get some surprises, both good and bad, we salute the new members of the city governments all across the Wiregrass and urge them to treat their fellow citizens just like they themselves wanted to be treated before becoming the "keeper of the money."

Sunday, that darling new granddaughter of ours was christened during morning worship services at the Elba United Methodist Church. It was just another christening to most folks, but she is ours. Everything went well. Sarah was actually asleep during the ceremony, until the preacher started walking around the church showing off the baby. Some "friend" at the back of the church commented about being thankful that she didn't favor yours truly and of course Reverend John Baxter couldn't keep his mouth shut and came back down front and repeated the comment. Now, we don't have a complete list of the people at the back of the church but as soon as it is possible to track down the wise guy, someone just might wake up with a horse head in the bed with them, just like in the gangster movies.

The big battle this week on the national political scene is the charge that the Republicans used subliminal messages in a TV ad which has been running for several weeks. There is a frame in the ad (they say) which reads RATS in white letters on a dark background, just before the word Bureaucrat flashes up big. The lady who did the ad denies (to news reporters) any wrongdoing and that it was only part of several other short clips building the word "bureaucrat." We have read a lot about this subliminal stuff and there is no valid evidence it even works. What it does is make folks real mad when they discover someone is trying to jerk them around and/or control their thinking. Listening to Governor George Bush's explanation of the matter makes us wonder just who is advising him. What we think he should have said is "yep, that looks kinda bad when you mention it. Actually I previewed the ad but it was completely unaware there was anything in it if that anyone would have considered subliminal advertising. It should have been reviewed closer and such stuff eliminated." Instead he mealy mouthed it.

Alabama politics are battling over a ruling that judicial candidates can't respond to questions on a position paper survey issued recently by the Christian Coalition. Some of the questions dealt with the candidates' personal position on abortion, prayer in schools, etc., matters which have and more than likely will again be issues before the various courts. Of course the Christian Coalition of Alabama is up in arms over the ruling and apparently the Republican party is of many things during a political season, but frankly we believe that certain elements of the Christian Coalition would rather have this argument platform than have the candidates answer the questions.

There was a lot of hype when the U. S. House and Senate passed bills removing the so-called marriage penalty from the income tax code. Why, we don't know because every day President Clinton was saying he would veto such a bill and the Republicans didn't have enough Democratic support to override the veto. Well it happened. Bill Clinton vetoed the bill and now it is pure fantasy to believe that veto can be overridden, in spite of this being a very popular perk for families with two salary drawing taxpayers. The only real chance they have is to hope for passage in the legislature next year and maybe not get a veto from the new president.

EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 4, 2000, investigated the following incidents: two burglaries, three thefts of property, one criminal surveillance, two harassments, two assaults, one reckless endangerment, and one hit and run.

The following arrests were made: eleven for failure to appear and one for violation of open container law.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: twenty-one for speeding, twelve for violation of the seat belt law, five for an expired tag, three for driver's license not in possession, three for an expired driver's license, three for driving while driver's license is suspended, four for no insurance, three for violation of the child restraint law, and one for running a stop sign.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
Prowler reported on Roosevelt Drive (2:09 a.m.); River stage: 2:07 (6:00 a.m.); Burglary reported at Bradshaw Post Avenue (5:41 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Smith Avenue (8:55 p.m.); Prowler reported on Guyton Street (10:18 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
River stage: 2:00 (6:37 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at the intersection of AL 167 and Co. Rd. 209 (6:27 p.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Alarm at a business on West Davis Street (1:07 a.m.); River stage: 2:01 (6:46 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Highway (8:44 a.m.).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
River stage: 2:11 (6:30 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a residence on SM Avenue (5:41 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 87N (6:58 p.m.); Alarm at a business on West Davis Street (10:48 p.m.).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Alarm at Hickman Moving and Storage (1:35 a.m.); River stage: 2:23 (6:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Hickman Avenue (6:47 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (10:03 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Larkin Road (4:26 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Cherokee Lane (4:37 p.m.); Fire alarm at Elba General Hospital (5:47 p.m.); Fire alarm at Elba Nursing Home (6:23 p.m.).

BE SAFE & BE CAREFUL

BULLETIN BOARD

- **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** Court: house 4th Tues 12:30-1:30 Call FREE
- **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon, First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday, 6 p.m. City Hall
- **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday, following 2nd Monday of each month
- **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church center on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom
- **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
- **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thur. 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office
- **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thur. 7:30 p.m. - Grand Hall, Top Hwy.
- **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday, 6:00 p.m.
- **BAND PRACTICES** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE** - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-6655
- **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
- **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Sat. Noon, Callan Inn, Enterprise
- **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room
- **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 a.m. Elba High School
- **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays, 6:30 p.m. @ Elba Cafeteria
- **ZIPON CHAPLAIN CRIME WATCH** is First Thursday night - 7:00 p.m. each month at the 2nd Fire Department
- **WOODMAN OF THE WORLD LODGE 1932** - 4th Thursday night of the month @ 7:00 p.m. at the Woodman Lodge located at 510 W. Simmons Street, Elba.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of September 4, 2000 through September 10, 2000. They were: Peggy Whittington, James Canley, Shirley Deffall, Pat Price, Veda Lamb, Terry Griggs, Albert Armstrong, Melinda Jones, Shirley Hudson, C. W. Mobley, Velma Coleman, Chris Moore, Wanda Messick, Charlene Nalley, Nathan Flowers, Cleo Livingston, Anne Jo Danford, Daniel Buie III, Mildred Eiland, Gene Clark, Johnny Manning, Robert Nelson, Barbara Tompkins and Brenda Polk.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Vonelle Sanders, Veron Heaughan, France Edline, Ashley Foster, Peggy Whittington, Terry Griggs, Veda Lamb, Pat Price, James Canley, James Harris, Shirley Deffall, William Bullard, Shirley Hudson, Alberta Martin, Melinda Jones, Velma Coleman, C. W. Mobley, Charlene Nalley, Albert Armstrong, Daniel Buie III, Mary Griggs, Brenda Polk, Robert Nelson, and Gene Clark.

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New Listing • Beautiful, quality home on Highland Dr. • 2,500 Sq. Ft. • 3 BR, 3 Baths • Wood floors, Privacy fence • Security system **\$140,000**



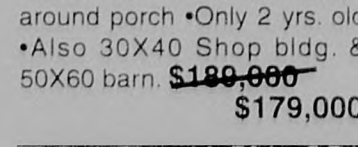
Country Home • Located on Co. Rd. 618 Just 10 Minutes From Enterprise 22 ACs • Fenced pasture land w/2 small ponds • 1,890 Sq. Ft. farm house • Vinyl siding • Metal roof • 1,100 sq ft wrap-around porch • Only 2 yrs. old • Also 30x40 Shop bldg. & 50X60 barn **\$180,000**



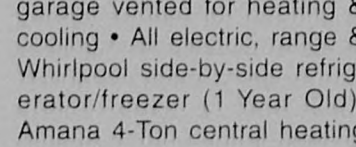
New Listing • 1035 N. Claxton Ave. • Brick, ranch style home in prime location, near doctors, dentists & hospital • 3BR - Den - 2 Bath - LR - DR • Ceiling fans in all bedrooms & den • Covered brick patio, garage vented for heating & cooling • All electric, range & Whirlpool side-by-side refrigerator/freezer (1 Year Old), Amana 4-Ton central heating & cooling unit • New hot water heater • All mini blinds included • Lot size 125x200 with privacy fence • Large storage building • Workshop w/ open carport 25x12 • Also small storage bld. with open covered storage **\$76,500**



IN TOWN Hwy 84 • 3BR - 2 Bath Brick Home with Basement **\$68,900**



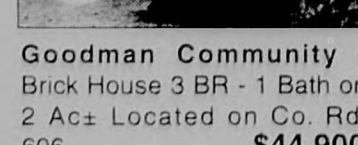
Goodman Community • Brick House 3 BR - 1 Bath on 2 Acs. Located on Co. Rd. 606. **\$44,900**



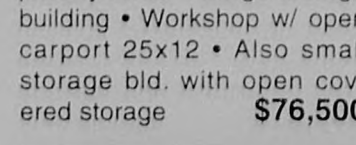
New Listing • Brookdale Subdivision • 3BR Brick Home • Nice Lot **\$43,500**



Dr. Roberts Drive - 2,000 SF-3 BR, 2 Bath Brick Home - Completely remodeled on 3/4 ACs **\$89,900**



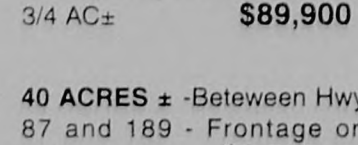
40 ACRES ± - Between Hwy 87 and 189 - Frontage on both highways - **\$2,000** per acre.



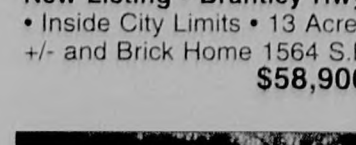
New Listing • Brantley Hwy. • Inside City Limits - 13 Acres +/- and Brick Home 1564 S.F. **\$58,900**



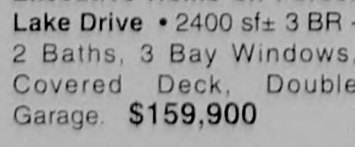
Executive Home on Forest Lake Drive • 2400 sq ft 3 BR - 2 Baths, 3 Bay Windows, Covered Deck, Double Garage **\$159,900**



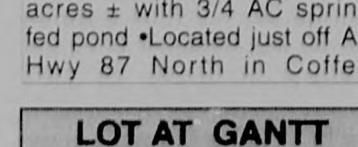
Secluded, Wooded Lot 7 acres ± with 3/4 AC spring fed pond • Located just off AL Hwy 87 North in Coffee



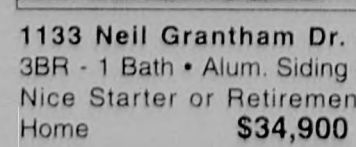
1133 Neil Grantham Dr. • 3BR - 1 Bath • Alum. Siding • Nice Starter or Retirement Home **\$34,900**



County Road 349 • 1991 Liberty 14x70 Mobile Home On 1/2 Acre Lot • 3BR - 1 Bath **\$19,500**



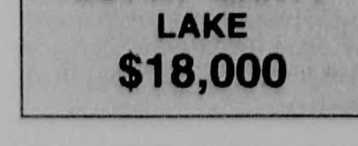
LOT AT GANTT LAKE **\$18,000**



REDUCED/REDUCED! • Two 12-AC Parcels • Co. Rd. 349 • Parcel #1 Reduced To **\$1250/AC** • Parcel #2 Reduced To **\$1200/AC**



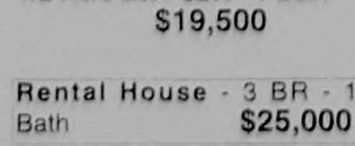
Rental House - 3 BR - 1 Bath **\$25,000**



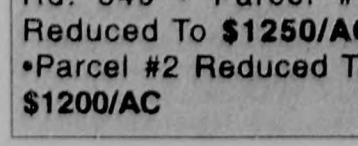
14 ACs ± • Wooded & Paved with 2 ACs pond • Perfect site for a cabin • Located just off AL Hwy 87 North in Coffee County **\$32,000.00**



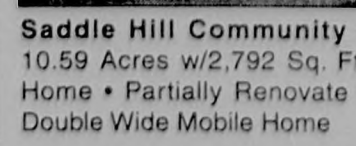
18 ACs ± • Commercial Property • Located On AL Hwy. 166 w/Large 3BR - 2 Bath Brick Home



MUST SEE! Land For Sale • 40 ACs ± (35 ACs ±) In Wilkenstown Area



NEW LISTING 2 Building Lots On Taylor Mill Rd., Past County Lake, Approximately 370'x150' **\$15,000** each



1998 Palm Harbor Mobile Home • 16 ft. x 80 ft. • Located on 1.39 ACs ± • 3 Bedrooms and 2 Baths **\$39,900**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the voting procedures in the State of Alabama.

I recently voted in the Shelby County elections and was rather disturbed when I walked up to the polls and was not required to show any form of ID. I simply told me my name, they handed me a ballot and I was off. Now my question is this, how do you know I am who I say I am? Couldn't anyone walk up and vote in my place, thus taking away my voting privileges?

I asked the poll worker about this and she told me that the reason was because it was considered discrimination. What????? You have got to be kidding me! Discrimination against whom, may I ask? She said a lot of people do not have ID's, therefore it would be unfair to require them to present one to vote. Now I completely and utterly disagree with this. One cannot even go into a bank and open an account, or better yet, even cash a check without some form of ID, yet anyone can vote without it? One cannot even rent a movie from Blockbuster without showing some form of ID. Voting is much more important, this is our life, this is our government, this is determining our rights. How can it not be important enough to require an ID?

I have been doing research on the web and have found that every state I have looked up requires some form of ID. Below, lists 14 different forms of ID one can present in order to vote in many states (taken from the GA Voting website):

1. valid driver's license;
2. valid identification card issued by branch, department, agency, or entity of any state authorized by law to issue personal identification;
3. valid United States passport
4. valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the elector and issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the

US government, this state, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or other entity of this state;

5. a valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the elector and issued by any employer of the elector in the ordinary course of such employer's business;

6. a valid student identification card containing a photograph of the elector from any public or private college, university, or postgraduate technical or professional school located within the state;

7. a valid state hunting or fishing license;

8. a valid state license to carry a pistol or revolver;

9. a valid pilot's license issued by the Federal Aviation Administration of other authorized agency of the US;

10. a valid US military identification card;

11. a certified copy of the elector's birth certificate;

12. a valid social security card;

13. certified naturalization documentation;

14. or a certified copy of court records showing adoption, name, or sex change.

I have contacted Spencer Bacchus as well as Secretary of State Jim Bennett on this matter. Mr. Bennett feels strongly about the matter as well and has tried to pass the law through Legislature many times. However, there are those in the Legislature who oppose voter ID and threatened to filibuster any bill that comes to the floor on the belief that such a law would intimidate the elderly and minority voters who go to the polls. They also claim that many people do not possess any forms of ID and would be hurt by the law.

As you can see, there are a variety of forms of ID one can present in order to vote, and I feel that the majority, if not all, people should have at least one of these. Everyone has a birth certificate! And if you do not have a certified copy,

there are a number of other forms of ID that may be shown in its place.

Secretary Bennett proposed a law similar to Georgia's (see above forms of ID), and even though it was very fair and has worked well in the neighboring state, the Legislature still refused to pass it. Here is a link to the news release announcing the bill: <http://www.sos.state.al.us/press/releases/cfr/tgntem4>

If you have registered to vote, then you should be responsible enough to have the proper identification required to vote, and if not, then maybe this will press more people to do so, but it's not fair that anyone could walk in and state my name, and take my vote. I am a 22 year old female who values my voting privileges far too much to possibly have them taken away.

Secretary Bennett suggested that we rally all the support we can among friends and neighbors so that this important bill can become a law. You can contact Secretary Bennett through his website at www.sos.state.al.us

I do hope you will be able to print this and make more people aware of this unwanted law. The more people know and fight, the better our chances of having a just system with just voting practices.

Sincerely,
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EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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mented that she had contacted the local health department authorities concerning the dogs not being properly vaccinated and she was told that nothing could be done about it.

Commissioners and the legal counsel suggested that she contact them again because it is their understanding that state law requires ALL dogs and cats over three months of age to have an annual rabies vaccination.

Gladys Martin and Terry Hall appeared before the commission on behalf of the Kinston Rescue Squad to request funding for the volunteer organization.

Ms. Martin, captain of the Kinston Rescue Squad, told commissioners, "If we don't get any funding, we will have to shut down."

She went on to say that the rescue squad has been active for the past 25 years and this is the first time they have had to ask anybody for assistance. Ms. Martin noted that the Town of Kinston, with a very limited revenue, is not able to support or financially assist the squad.

This past year, the squad has had to use its reserve funds to continue operating, and if things don't change, the squad will be forced to shut down within the next 12 months. An added problem facing the squad is the loss of members which has forced them to rely on mutual aid from squads in Opp during the daytime. This has also cut their income.

Ms. Martin told commissioners that if this trend continues and the squad is forced to cease operations, Kinston area residents will have to rely on ambulance service from neighboring Opp or Elba which will mean a longer response time to emergency calls.

After several minutes of discussion, Commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion that the county assist the Kinston Rescue Squad with funding. This was approved by the commission. A move is already underway to secure emergency medical services for rural residents of the county. Meetings are underway with the Enterprise Rescue Squad, Coffee County EMS and, now, the Kinston Rescue Squad to accomplish this task.

At the request of County Engineer Randy Tindell, the commission passed several resolutions. The first was to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of Co. Rds. 201, 321, 409, 412 and 460.

Secondly, he asked that the commission approve the participation of Coffee County in a Joint Purchasing Agreement with other counties in the state. Legislation

proposed by the Association of County Commissioners recently passed allowing residents to participate in group purchasing. Tindell said this will be especially beneficial to the county in the purchasing of heavy equipment.

Finally, a resolution to renew the contracts with F & W Construction for driving bridge piling and Donnell Trucking for assisted dirt hauling at the current rates was approved by commissioners.

County Administrator Wilson said before the meeting that the new media remind all county residents that garbage collection fees are to be paid to the Coffee County Commission and not to Mark Dunning Industries (MDI). Although MDI will continue to pick up the garbage, the county will be handling ALL billing and collection for the service. The commission just recently began mailing out payment notices to county residents.

Other actions taken by the commission consisted of the following:

• Approved the erecting of Basin Community signs at the appropriate locations.

• Approved the landscaping of the Coffee County Health Department grounds, and if funds are available, the Department of Human Resources grounds by the

Natural Resources Conservation Service at no cost to the county. An amendment to the motion to do the above added the installation of a sprinkler system at the Kinston Recreation Park provided funds are available.

• Approved the extending of the resurfacing of Co. Rd. 109 by 1/2 mile at a cost of approximately \$150,000.

• Approved the purchasing of three cars for the county's three senior citizens centers from the state surplus vehicle lot. The cost of each vehicle is not to exceed \$8,000. The cars will be used to deliver meals to the homebound citizens.

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AREA DEATHS

LILLIE SERENA JOHNSON
Ms. Lillie Serena Johnson, age 97, of Elba, Ala., died Sept. 7, 2000 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Sept. 9, 2000 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Dr. Tony Dye and Rev. Ron Stallard officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Gilead Church Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one daughter: Nacie Wise, Enterprise; three sons and daughters-in-law: Kibbie and Ethel Johnson, Elba; Milford Johnson, Elba; Henry and Hazel Johnson, Dothan; eight grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and one great great-grandchild.

VAN LEWIS COON
Mr. Van Lewis Coon, born June 11, 1961, of Opp, Ala., recently died.

Funeral services were held Sept. 9, 2000 from the Chapel of Coleman Funeral Home of Elba with Rev. Dr. V.J. Coleman officiating. Burial followed in the Hardin Cemetery of Opp with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his parents: Clifford and Margie Nell Coon; seven children: Andrea Coon, Trautis Coon, Maurice Coon, Van Lewis Coon Jr., Mariah Coon, Terrell Clark, Chris Giles; six

brothers: Drexell Coon, Trautis Coon, Daniel Coon, Jeffery P. Coon, Freddie Reeves, Mickey Reeves; and two sisters: Sherella Hornsby and Regina Reeves.

ARTHUR THOMAS
Mr. Arthur Thomas, born July 18, 1918, of Brundidge, Ala., died Sept. 3, 2000 at his home.

Funeral services were held Sept. 8, 2000 at Greater Bethel AME Church in Brundidge with Pres. Eld. Rev. David E. Reddick officiating. Burial followed in the Greater Bethel AME Church Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Thomas was preceded in death by his wife, Bessie Mae Lip-ton, and two children, Iola Thomas and Harold Thomas.

Survivors include seven daughters: Louella Bradbury, Fannie Flournoy, Callie (Erma) Clinton, Mary Helen (Louie) Newsome,

CHURCH

Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church plans Cemetery Work Day

Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church, located near Vicksburg, will have a Cemetery Work Day on Saturday, Sept. 16. This is to get the church area clean for Homecoming Services which will be held Sept. 24.

Revival Services planned at Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Mt. Zion Baptist Church will be holding Revival Services Monday, Sept. 18, through Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. each evening. Rev. Clifford Quincey will be preaching and Kevin Kelley will lead the music. Everyone is invited to attend.

Westview Assembly to have Harvest Camp Meeting

Harvest Camp Meeting @ Westview Assembly of God, 106 Groves Street, Opp, AL 36467, Sunday, September 17 11:00 and 6:00, Sept. 18 11:00 and 6:00, Sept. 19 11:00 and 6:00.

Homecoming to be observed at Friendship Baptist Church September 17th

Homecoming Services will be held at Friendship Baptist Church in the Bullock Community on Sunday, Sept. 17. The guest speaker for the 11:00 service will be Bro. Randall Pearson. Lunch will be served after the morning worship services. Pastor Buford Brady and the congregation extend a welcome to each and all.



Round & About With Eria 897-2006

Scripture: Judges 6:1-21

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Pelo Robinson, the Coon Family, Fannie L. Brooks, Ed Manning, Faye Manning, Louise Jackson, Ida Hooks, Lovie Hooks, Ernestine Kelley, Johnnie Yelverton, Rev. Ronnie & Kimberly Russell, Henry Waters, Mary E. Holley. ***Marion and Missionary Day at Shiloh Baptist Church of the Tarentum Community will be Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2:30 p.m. ***Family and Friends Day of the Mt. Zion First Baptist Church of Brantley will be Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m. The morning speaker will be Pastor Fletcher Pease, Bethel Hill MB Church, and the afternoon speaker will be Pastor Daniel Caldwell, Bethlehem MB Church of Elba. ***Eighty-Eighth Session of the Mulberry Baptist Women's Convention will convene at the Mulberry Baptist Educational Building in Elba on Sept. 22 & 23. ***Community Revival will be Sept. 24-27. Services will be held at Greater New Zion Baptist Church on Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. Rocky Head Baptist Church on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.; Harris Temple Church of God in Christ on Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.; and Bethlehem Baptist Church on Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. ***Annual Missionary and Matrons Day Program will be held at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church on Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m. ***Program of the Mulberry Matrons Department an Auxiliary of the Mulberry Women Convention will be Saturday, Sept. 16, at 9:30 a.m. at the Mulberry Educational Building in Elba. Sermon will be given by Rev. John Lawrence, pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church of Elba. ***Gospel First Baptist Church will celebrate the 12th Appreciation Program for Rev. and Mrs. Jonas Rogers on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2 p.m. Rev. Carl Hollis, pastor of the Morning Star Church of Troy, and pastor of the Mt. Sinai MB Church of Gantt will be the guest speaker. All churches are invited. ***Anniversary of Deacons, Trustees and Wives of Pleasant Shade Baptist Church of Enterprise will be Sunday, Sept. 17, at 3 p.m. The guest minister will be Dr. W.J. Curry, pastor of Mt. Moriah of Andalusia and Shady Grove of Enterprise. ***Sisters United By Prayer will meet each Monday night in the home of Latisha Robertson of Elba at 7 p.m. Latisha lives in Powell Trailer Ct. For more information, call 897-8296. Today is a good day, be grateful! Eria

Blankets now being collected for Sudanese Christians

The Enterprise Christian Mission, in a joint effort with area churches, is sponsoring a blanket drive for persecuted Christians in Sudan.

"Although Sudan is located on the African continent, temperatures can fluctuate as much as 50 degrees between day and night," said Annette Griswold, local sponsor of the blanket drive. "The Sudanese Christians are being driven from their homes which are then destroyed, and churches burned, driving them into the wilderness with nothing to sustain them."

"The blankets can protect them from the cold," she added. "Islamic forces sell the young children of Christians into slavery, the girls are forced into prostitution and the boys are forced to memorize the Koran, with no time for play or other activities."

Blankets may be dropped off at the Christian Mission in Enterprise, along with \$2 per blanket for shipping expenses, no later than Sept. 25. Blankets do not have to be new, but clean and in good condition. For more information, call Mrs. Griswold at 897-3820.

Living Word Ministry to hold gospel singing September 16th

Living Word Ministry will host a gospel singing Saturday, September 16, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The featured guest will be the Lighthouse String Ensemble. Living Word is located at 127 North Main 13 doors from First National Bank in Brundage. Everyone is invited to attend.

Homecoming and Revival planned at Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church

Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church, located near Vicksburg, will have a Homecoming Services on Sunday, Sept. 24. The guest speaker will be Rev. Hubert McWaters, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Dinner on the grounds will be served following the morning service. Revival services will begin Sept. 25 & 26 with no Wednesday night service. The revival will conclude on Sept. 28 & 29. Bro. Buddy Hood will be the revival speaker and Mark Donaldson will handle the music.



Mr. & Mrs. Paul L. English

Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. English celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Marianne and Paul L. English were honored on their 50th Anniversary with a reception at the home of her sister, Virginia and her husband, Thomas E. Moore Jr., in Birmingham.

Guests were: Dr. John W. Ben-ton, a member of their wedding party and his wife, Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Moore III and daughters, Rebecca and Haley; Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Moore with daughter, Christa, and son, Daniel. Out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hughes and son, Daniel, of Gainesville, Fla.; Lt. Col. and Mrs. Paul L. English Jr. and sons, Luke and David, and daughter, Annie-Marie, of Ft. Monroe, Va.; and Jayson Keith English of Tusculoo.

Elba residents pledge at Troy State University

137 women participated in fall new membership recruitment at Troy State University this year. Kendra Vaughan of Elba has pledged Chi Omega at TSU during fall sorority new membership recruitment 2000. She is a graduate of Elba High School. Kendra was involved in SGA, Beta Club, Chi Alpha Mu, Choir, All American Scholars, and she was a member of the Elba United Methodist Church. Ashlee Cowen of Elba has also pledged Chi Omega at TSU. She is a graduate of Kinston High School. Ashlee was involved in Beta Club, Relay for Life, and she was a Kinston High School Student Ambassador.

Birth Announcement

Cameron CAYE CATRETT

Cassidy Catrett announces the birth of her little sister, Cameron Caye Catrett. Cameron was born at 2:38 p.m. on July 13, 2000 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan. She measured 20 1/4 inches and weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz.

Cassidy and Cameron are the daughters of Perry and Ashley Catrett of Brantley. Grandparents are Fred and Virginia Oglesby of Elba and Renora Catrett of Brantley.

Ms. Etta Mae Griswold to celebrate 101 birthday soon

Mrs. Etta Mae Griswold has been a resident of the Elba Nursing Home for 12 years. She decided in September 1988 to sell her home and move to the nursing home because she felt this was where she needed to be.

Ms. Etta Mae, as she is fondly called by the staff, often shares her long ago memories of growing up on her "Papa's" farm and her amazement as new invention came along.

She is the only surviving child of seven children and has been a widow for 25 years.

Due to her advanced age and declining stamina, Ms. Etta Mae spends her days attending activities. She likes to get up to see her home in her recliner in her room. She enjoys sitting at the nurses station and visiting with everyone coming and going. She never lacks for attention or affection since the entire staff stops by to see her at some point during the day, including housekeeping and dietary staff.

Ms. Etta Mae will soon be 101-years-old, and she remains a delight to the entire staff at the Elba Nursing Home.

Using the Microcomputer Level 1 to be offered at ESJC in 2nd session

Enterprise State Junior College's popular special interest course, Using the Microcomputer - Level 1, will be offered in a second session this fall semester to assist persons having NO keyboarding skills. Participants will be introduced to the computer keyboard, taught basic computer terminology, and have hands-on experience with a word processing software package. Overcoming a fear of computer use, understanding basic keyboarding functions, and gaining a sense of the potential for computer use in the home, work and/or educational environment are emphasized. Participants must bring a 3 1/2" disk to the first class. The course, the second of two sessions offered this fall semester, is scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays, October 16-24, 5:30-7:30 p.m. There is a \$30.00 fee for the course, and the registration deadline is October 9. Space is limited to the first 15 to register. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

Elba Study Club holds September meeting

The Elba Study Club met at the Elba Public Library on Sept. 5. The theme of the programs for the club year is Travel Alabama.

A film of Alabama covering many interesting places was shown by Mrs. Doris Taylor. She also gave a talk on Marion, Ala. where she once lived.

A delicious salad plate was served by Jo Hudson to the following members and new officers for the year: President - Eleanor Semm, Vice President - Patsy Meek, Secretary - Charlotte Hobson, Treasurer - Lynda Biddle, Parliamentarian - Doris Taylor, Historian - Nona Cooper and Ann Richardson.

Magnolia Home and Garden Club meets at Elba City Library

The Magnolia Home and Garden Club met at the Elba City Library on Sept. 7. Sybil Hahn was hostess. President Gene Kennett presided over the business session and led the club in a discussion of the club's constitution and by-laws.

Club projects for the year include participating in Chamber of Commerce activities, donations and assistance to the Elba Nursing Home. Make a Wish Foundation and Bucks for Books.

Homemakers who are interested in joining the Magnolia Home and Garden Club are encouraged to call Miriam Farris (897-2832) or Gene Kennett (897-2739). Everyone is cordially invited to visit the meetings.

New Arrival

ABBEY ANNABELLA AMMONS



Abbey Annabella Ammons

Bruce and Donna Ammons of Havelock, N.C. announce the birth of their daughter, Abbey Annabella Ammons, on July 31, 2000. She weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Tommy and Pat Lunsford of Enterprise, Wendell "Buddy" Ammons of Enterprise and Marilyn Ammons of New Brockton. Great-grandparents are James and Clara Wambles of Jack and Louise Lunsford-Wilson of Enterprise.

Elba AARP to meet on September 19th

The Elba AARP Chapter meets on Sept. 19, 2000, at the Elba Senior Center, 6:00 P.M. Covered dish dinner followed by entertainment by The Singing Seniors. Anyone over 50 invited to join the Elba AARP Chapter which meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Juliana Sims celebrates second birthday



Juliana Sims

Juliana Montgomery Sims celebrated her second birthday on August 12. She is the daughter of Keith and Jana Sims of Navarre, Fla. Grandparents are Jane Burkett and the late James Burkett of New Brockton and George and Estha Sims of Navarre. Great-grandmother is Jessie Mae Sparks of New Brockton.

Deadline for Social News is Monday!

Elba Elementary School Menu Sept. 18 - 22, 2000

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, Peach Cup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

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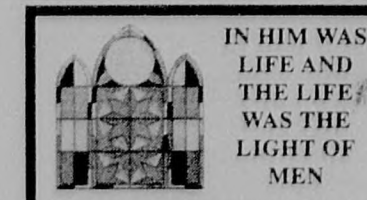
Monday - Pizza, Green Salad, Corn on Cob, Pear Slices, Milk
Tuesday - Hoagie, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, French Fries, Chocolate Cake, Milk
Wednesday - Chicken Wiggles, Corn, Butterbeans, Roll, Sweet Potato Patty, Milk
Thursday - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Potato Rounds, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Friday - Lasagna, California Style Vegetables, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Crackers, 1/2 Apple, Milk

Elba Church of Christ Presents...

Fall Meeting with Jack Reece Sept. 17 - 20
Sunday: 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Monday - Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Sermon Topics to include...

Sunday School: "The Creative Power of Parents/Grandparents"
Sunday AM: "What Jesus Can Do For Your Home"
Sunday PM: "Satan's Lies About Marriage"
Monday: "Three Things The Devil Will Do"
Tuesday: "What Must I Do To Be Saved?"
Wednesday: "The Best Is Yet To Come"



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Sam Totten, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Dorrell Caldwell, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class: 8:45 a.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Bennett Abbott, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST - E. H. Hill, Minister
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School: 12:00 noon
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. William Frank, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Discipleship Training: 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed.: 7:00 p.m.

EASON BAPTIST CHURCH
Bernard Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:15 p.m.
Wed. Service: 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Randy Neal, Minister
Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
J. E. Wesley, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon: 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Honore F. Moore, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John I. Baxter, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
J. L. Gray, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

FATH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Danny Shorter, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:15 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
Andy Marler, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

GRATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John I. Baxter, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

Church Directory

KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Freeman, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Training Union: 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Rev. & Mary Stinson, Pastors
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Saturday Service: 9:45 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service: 5:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

LOVES WAY CHURCH
Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Bobby Driver, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Hubert McWaters, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION HOLINESS
Jimmie Byrnes, Minister
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.
Tues. Prayer Service: 6:00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Layton, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Ray Among, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

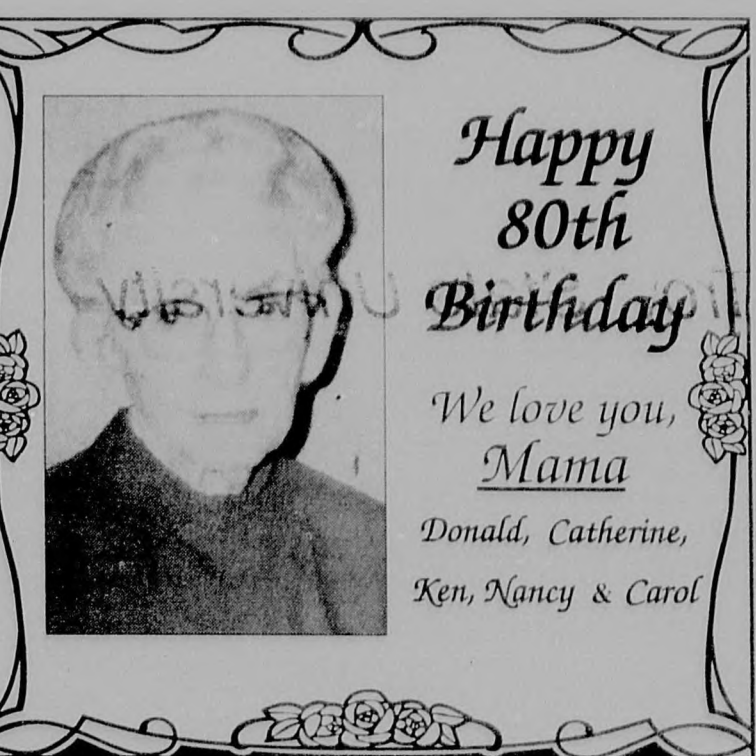
NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
J. C. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorray Flowers, Minister
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet: 7:00 p.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Keith Price, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

PRATHE & GLOVE WORSHIP CENTER
Betty Morris, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.



Happy 80th Birthday

We love you, Mama
Donald, Catherine, Ken, Nancy & Carol

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Walter Fank, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class: 6:30 p.m.

MULBERRY HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST
R. B. Williams, Minister
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class: 6:30 p.m.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION
Mary Seaves
Sunday Morn. Service: 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service: 5:00 p.m.

NEW ARDENT LIFE DEL.
Huron & Linda Williams, Ministers
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Even: 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Even: 7:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

NEW BIRMINGHAM CHURCH
Rev. Wayne Webber
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet: 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST
Rev. Roy McKee, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

NEW HEADS M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

ROXTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet: 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Service Mon.: 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Larry Wise, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet: 7:00 p.m.

SILVER SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH
Nathan Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Service: 7:00 p.m.

SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight



by Tabitha Schultz

This week's co-op spotlight focuses on **Blake Streetman**. Blake is 17-years-old and an employee of Gene's Auto Shop Sales where he keeps up with the bookkeeping, accounting and sales. Blake is the son of Gene and Joan Streetman and is a senior at Elba High School. He is a member of VICA.

After graduation Blake plans on going to Troy State University and attend business school.

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Gum Chewing Poll Results

by Hunter Branch

"Spit out your gum!" How many times has that been said throughout time? The no gum chewing policy has been in effect since the beginning of its creation. Although some teachers are more strict than others, the rule remains in almost every school all over the world. A poll recently taken at Elba High School showed the following results:

Students	
Who chews gum during school?	
Yes	No
97%	3%
Teachers	
Who chews gum during school?	
Yes	No
15%	98.5%

The rule remains in school today, but not many people abide by it. In closing, a piece of advice, "Don't get caught chewing gum because it won't turn out good for some."

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Tiger Tales

Editors:
Bethany Dye
Annada Beerenstrauch

TIGER BRIEFS

Extra, Extra
by Amy Kirkland

The new Elbala's have arrived. They are great history books and are a great gift for any student at Elba High School. There are several extra copies. They are \$28 and are going fast. If you are interested in buying a yearbook, you may call Elba High School or talk to a Journalism member.

Classy Choices
by Amy Kirkland

The 2001 senior class recently voted on a class motto, a class flower and class colors. The 61 members of the class nominated choices for each and the results of the election are in. The seniors chose the Magnolia as the class flower, the flower the Victorians say symbolizes a love of nature. The class colors are burgundy and ivory. The class motto is "Yesterday is gone forever, tomorrow we are not promised, today is all we have to live for." The flower and colors will be issued for decoration at Baccalaureate and Graduation.

An Apple a Day
by Leanne Mallory

The beginning of the 2000-2001 school year brought many changes to Elba High School. Among those changes were new faculty members. The newest member of the English Department is Mrs. Amelia S. Rhoades. Mrs. Rhoades graduated from Troy State University. Before coming to Elba High School, Mrs. Rhoades was asked why she came to Elba, and she replied, "It would be a change and change is good for the soul." Mrs. Rhoades said that her classes were "super," and that each class will achieve the goals set for them. She would like to say a special thank you to everyone for making her welcome.

Student Spotlight



Candace Anderson

by Francie English
Name: Candace Anderson
Parents: Kim and Guy Anderson

Age: 16
Grade: 10th
Favorite color: Hot pink
Favorite music: Everything
Clubs/Activities: SGA, FFA, and Girl Scouts
Interests/hobbies: Being with her friends, dancing, helping others, and having fun
Personal quote: "Whatever goes around, comes around."

Candace's favorite subjects in school are Driver's Education and Biology. Her favorite thing about Elba High School is the fact there is always tissue in the restrooms. Candace would like to be able to have an off campus lunch. After she graduates from high school, she plans on attending college and becoming a teacher. Her most memorable moment at Elba High School is the prom last year.

Elba Lady Tiger Volleyball: In Your Face

by Melissa Mulaz

The EHS Lady Tigers volleyball team took the court Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2000, for the first game of the season. This year's team is hosting a relatively young team with only three seniors, Melissa Mulaz, senior, and Stacey Chism, sophomore, are the

only two starters from last year's team. Other members from the 1999 varsity team returning are senior Lauren Suley and sophomore Danae Ware. Several players from the 1999 JV squad have to step forward and prove themselves as varsity players. Sophomores Heather Hays, Devri

Kilcrease, Samantha Williams, and Jessica Knighten have all played JV and have had great practices with the varsity. They are now willing to step forward to have a super year. New members senior Christina Stokes, junior Brittany Daniels, and Jessica Sowell all are looking for a fantastic year.

Lauren Suley states, "I'm really looking forward to a fantastic year. We should have an exciting and successful season."

Melissa Mulaz believes this year will be a challenge for her and the other team members to top last year's performance. She states that this 2000 team works great together and communicates extremely well with each other. This will benefit the team during the upcoming games. Melissa believes everyone gets along very well, and the team is like one big happy family.

Mrs. Susan Barnes states, "We have a very young team with little experience. We have two seniors back this year who are trying to carry the team through a successful season." Barnes says, "Our schedule isn't as tough this year, though we have included Dothan and Enterprise, both 6-A schools. I look forward to an exciting season."

Come and support the 2000 Lady Tigers volleyball team and be prepared for some "In Your Face" action.

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DAR & Elba High Good Citizens

by Amanda Beerenstrauch

Every year, Elba High School selects a DAR and EHS Good Citizen. Six students are selected by the faculty and then voted on by the senior class. The student with the most votes is named DAR Good Citizen and the runner-up is the EHS Good Citizen. They must both exhibit outstanding dependability, leadership and patriotism. This year, the DAR Good Citizen is Amy Kirkland. Amy is the 17-year-old daughter of Jerry and Teresa Kirkland. She is now eligible to enter the DAR Good Citizens Scholarship Contest. When asked how she felt about the honor, Amy said, "I feel incredibly honored to have been chosen by my teachers and peers. I will try hard to fulfill my obligations and make EHS proud." This year, the EHS Good Citizen is



Amy Kirkland and Alan Head

Alan Head. Alan is the 17-year-old son of Thomas and Chris Head. Alan's response to being selected EHS Good Citizen is, "I'm very happy to receive this honor and I'll try to represent EHS to the best of my ability."

Class Of 2001 Officers



by Carmenda Coleman

On Tuesday, Aug. 29, all the votes were in and the seniors of 2001 elected four class officers. Carmenda Coleman was elected president. Roshanda McKinnon was appointed vice-president. Amy Kirkland was voted secretary, and Carmenda Coleman was elected treasurer. Senior Class President Carmenda Coleman said, "We look forward to accomplishing many goals this year and succeeding in being the best senior class to graduate from Elba High School."

Support Elba Tiger Football

Let's Get Fired Up!

by Bethany Dye

It has been called getting "fired up," "crunk," "pumped," and "hyped." Just as there are many names for it, different people have different ways of getting excited. Here are some of the responses of EHS students when asked how they get the adrenaline flowing before a football game.

Junior Bandmember Stephanie Sasser—"The energy in the air usually pumps me up."
Varsity Football Player Brian Brunson—"I think about what I have to do during the week. Then, on game day when I think about the band playing and fans cheering, I just get CRUNK with the players."
Varsity Cheerleader Devi Kilcrease—"I get pumped up by listening to the band play 'Eye of the Tiger'."

Varsity Football Player Gavin Mauldin—"I like to listen to the fight song and 'Eye of the Tiger'."
Junior Varsity Football Player Bradley Bane—"Coca Cola, Reese's, and loud music [get me pumped up]."
So whether it's meditating on the task ahead, eating bananas, or giving yourself a pep talk, get "pumped up" with community spirit. Show your support for our Elba Tigers!



Virginia Howard, President of Republican Women, Annette Griswold, candidate for Coffee County Board of Education, District 2, and Liz Muddock, Chairperson for "No Child Left Behind" with Marsha Oggs, guidance counselor at Elba Elementary School.

Republican women give to EES

Republican Women of Coffee County in support of George Bush's "No Child Left Behind" campaign, presented Guidance Counselor, Marsha Oggs, of the Elba Elementary School with school supplies for needy children.

Governor Bush has made a solemn commitment that every child will be educated and that no child will be left behind. He believes that parents, teachers, and local school districts should be free to chart their own paths to excellence. Whether that means smaller classrooms, a computer at every desk, or merit pay for teachers; any and all of these options are available in the Bush Administration. Bush's plan also calls for an accountability system that tests students on the basics of reading and math. Schools will broadly disclose these results so that parents can best assess the quality of their child's education. In addition, Governor Bush believes in educational choice. "Competition from charter schools, parental choice, and home schooling are important to improving the public school system."

Republican Women support George Bush's plan to improve the quality of public education for ALL children.

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REBEL NEWS
Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

ZC's FBLA members attend national convention in California

Jonah Edmondson, Tracy Banks, and Lashell Marler attended the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference that was held in Long Beach, Calif., in July. They were accompanied by their sponsor, Mrs. Rachel Bryan. The group from Zion Chapel traveled with the Alabama State Delegation which included approximately 90 Alabama students and teachers.

Mrs. Bryan and her students traveled to Birmingham by school bus to meet the other members of the Alabama Delegation for the flight to California. The first day of the conference was missed by the group because of travel. The second day of the conference included a general session and several workshops on leadership skills, technology, and competition skills. Jonah competed in the FBLA Principles and Policies competition and Tracy competed in the Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure competition. Lashell Marler had won first place in the state with her Job Portfolio Manual. Her manual was in national competition.

The group from Alabama had several educational experiences outside the conference that included seeing the Queen Mary and riding in a limousine. Seeing the Pacific Ocean and its beach and being able to contrast it with the Gulf of Mexico and its beach was of interest to the group.

The group arrived back in Birmingham after four days and Zion Chapel's people again caught a school bus to come back to Jacksonville.

Coffee County Schools Menu Sept. 18 - 22, 2000

BREAKFAST		LUNCH	
Monday	Biscuit, Steak, Pie, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday	Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Beef & Cheese Naches, Steamed Broccoli, Okra, Ice Cream Cup, Milk, Fruit
Tuesday	Apple Cranberry Muffin, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday	Fried Chicken, Corn Dog, Green Beans, Potato Salad, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Wednesday	Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday	Barbecue Sandwich, Fish Nuggets, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rice, Milk
Thursday	Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday	Hamburger Steak w/ Gravy, Ham Sandwich, Peas & Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, Roll, Milk
Friday	Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday	Cheese Pizza, Steak Nuggets, Tossed Salad, Corn, Fruit, Bread Slice, Milk

Rebel varsity cheerleaders host camp

UCA cheerleaders and staff members came to Zion Chapel and conducted a camp for the varsity cheerleaders in July. They taught cheers, chants, dances, and jumps. When the camp was over three

had been selected all-star cheerleaders. The all-stars are Adam Blake, Nichole Mitchell, and Whitney Stephens. These three earned a chance to cheer in a parade in London, England.

Rebel News Briefs

SGA MEETING
President Sarah Maddox called the first meeting of the Zion Chapel Student Government Association to order. Other officers are Vice President Heather Arnold, Treasurer Zane Tracy and Secretary Ashley Wambles. The agenda for the first meeting for the SGA included making plans for a fund raising event, selecting a club t-shirt, and the service projects that will be undertaken this year. The SGA sponsor is Mr. Marcus Howell.

JV FOOTBALL
For the first time in several years, Zion Chapel has a junior varsity football team. 25 players, 16 eighth and nine graders, make up the team coached by Mr. Charles Edwards, Mr. Kenny Senn, and Mr. James Wise. The JV players face a difficult schedule this year with Brantley, Goshen, G.W. Long, New Brockton, Samson, and Arton on their schedule. The players and the coaches are very excited about having a team this year. The coaches were asked about their goals for the team and collectively it was decided that the major goal was to teach good basic fundamentals. This will develop players who will provide support for the varsity players. The coaches also said that they wanted to teach the team players to want to be undefeated and to show them that playing football can be fun and exciting. Members of the community have been very supportive of the junior varsity program. They have given an air conditioner which has been installed in the JV locker room.

* LBW NEWS *

Sandra King Memorial Scholarship
A new LBW scholarship has been named in memory of Sandra King. The scholarship will be awarded to an education major each year. Joan King Lewis, Ms. King's twin sister, and Ginny Lewis Adams, her niece, presented LBW President Seth Hammett with a check for \$5,000 to establish the scholarship.

Ms. King, who grew up in Enterprise, was in education for thirty-six years. She taught at Enterprise Junior High, Leflore School in Conecuh County, and worked for the Alabama Department of Education as a Home Economics supervisor. She was one of the original faculty members when LBW Junior College opened in 1969 and served as Learning Resources Director until her retirement in 1996. While at LBW, Ms. King was involved in

campus life by helping students in the library, serving as a Compass Club sponsor, and working with the LBW Foundation. Community-minded, she was active in many organizations; a charter member of the Andalusia Junior Woman's Club, an active member of the Pilot Club of Andalusia, the Covington County Historical Society, the El Mares Garden Club, the Covington County Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, the Covington County Retired Teachers Association, and Master Gardner for Covington County.

FFA members attend 75th annual state convention

Matt Nelson, Matthew Richards, and Charles Spears, the Ag Mechanics team, competed in the state competition on the day before the opening day of the Seventy-Fifth Annual Convention of the Alabama FFA Association. They won fourth place in the competition.

The next day Heather Arnold, David Eddins, Sam Wambles, Josh McWaters, Charles Spears, Blakely Helms, Mrs. Lori McCrory, Mr. John McCrory, and Mr. John Wayne McCrory left Zion Chapel for Montgomery to be present at the Opening General Session of this convention. On this day Blakely Helms competed in Tractor Driving and placed sixth in the state.

During this convention the group attended several general sessions and heard several keynote speakers including a former Mrs. America, Jane Jenkins Herlong, who spoke about "How to be a VIP." At the fourth general session Wes Bragg, Justin Prescott, and Dan Johnson were among a group who were awarded their state FFA degrees.

In an effort to further polish their leadership skills, Heather Arnold, Sam Wambles, Charles Spears, Josh McWaters, and David Eddins attended the Made for Excellence Leadership Workshop held at Enterprise State Junior College.

The first official officer meeting was held in early August at the home of Heather Arnold who is the president of Zion Chapel's chapter. The officers met to discuss the agenda for their first meeting after school started. They discussed their program of activities for the year and the things that they could do, as officers, to make this year better for FFA. Heather's mother, Mrs. Nell Arnold, provided the group with a homecooked meal for the occasion.

The first meeting of the year was held during the third week of the new school year and President Heather Arnold called the meeting to order. Other officers of the chapter include Vice President David



Eddins, Secretary Sam Wambles, Treasurer Charles Spears, Sentinel Billy Wayne Nelson, and Historian Josh McWaters. Mr. John McCrory is the sponsor. At this meeting the members of the chapter watched a video from the spring banquet and the state convention. Mr. Wayne Vickers, principal, was the guest of honor.

Items on the agenda for discussion were a trip to the Sunbelt Ag Expo, the annual fruit sale, t-shirt designs, and the program of activities for the year. The meeting was adjourned.

ZC High welcomes several new teachers

Zion Chapel High School has several new teachers this year who have already proven that they are an asset to the school. THE REBEL NEWS will introduce each one of them over the course of the next several weeks.

Mrs. Katherine Neis (that's pronounced "nice") is originally from Texas. She graduated from Boger High School and then went to McMurry University in Abilene where she graduated in 1993.

Her experience includes a year at Abilene High School where she taught ninth grade English, two years of ninth and tenth grade English at Boger High School, and several months of tutoring adults in reading, math, and language. This experience took place in Alaska.

She is married to Kerry Neis who is currently enlisted in the U.S. Army as a firefighter. She said, "I do not have any children, but I do have two dogs, Sam and Jackson. They are my babies!"

Mrs. Neis currently teaches eighth, ninth, and twelfth grade English and is the coach of the varsity cheerleaders. When she was asked about her decision to come to Zion Chapel she said that she had applied with Coffee County last

year but was offered a job with Henry County which she took. During the summer, she was asked to come in for an interview. Mrs. Neis said, "Everything I heard about Zion Chapel sounded so wonderful, when I was offered the position I couldn't pass it up. I love teaching at Zion Chapel. The kids are great, and the faculty is wonderful. I am very happy to be working and teaching here." Mrs. Neis is just like her name sounds!

Mr. Charles Edwards, a graduate of Kinston High School and Troy State University, comes to Zion Chapel with experience gained at the Troy Elementary School, the D.A. Smith Middle School in Ozark, and Clayton Elementary in Elba.

Mr. Wise graduated from Elba High School, and after attending the University of Alabama, graduated from Troy State University. Mr. Wise is single. He says that he enjoys teaching at Zion Chapel and his decision to come here was based on the fact that it was located close to home and in an area he thought he would enjoy.

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I have been going to high school football games for over four decades and have seen ticket prices go higher and higher, but this year it isn't the ticket prices that are killing my billfold. It is the cost of concessions. Last week Melanie got a \$5 bill before the game started, got five ones from Mom during the game, and then got another \$5 from me in the third quarter, which she said was for Mom. We didn't realize how much she had spent until after the game, but can promise you that this week she will eat before the game.

LEADERSHIP IS KEY TO FUTURE TIGER SUCCESS

The Elba Tigers were ahead 14-0 last week with only four minutes left in the first half and as I walked up the sidelines I told one of the Elba assistant coaches that if we could get another drive started and run out the clock we would be in good shape, especially since we would receive the second half kickoff. So, what did Elba do? The Tigers promptly fumbled the snap from center at their own 19-yardline to set up one Samson score, then fumbled the ensuing kickoff at the Elba 18-yardline to set up another Samson touchdown. The 14-0 lead was now down to 14-13, and the Tigers and their fans could see a win slipping away!

The Tigers' loss Friday night bothered me, not just because of the way the Tigers lost, but because I left the field wondering just how much the loss really bothered some of the players. It is true Elba doesn't have much depth, and I know that fatigue is a factor and that players get injured during games. Some injuries are serious, but others are simply "football injuries" that happen every day, and players have to battle through those types of injuries and keep fighting for the best of the team. Friday night, when some players would find a spot on the bench or along the sidelines following an injury, they seemed content to be out of the game and didn't even seem to want to get back in the game, despite the fact the outcome was in doubt until the final seconds. The coaches had to go find a couple of players and plead with them to go back in, and while the players did head back on the field, they probably wouldn't have if it had been up to them. I guess the final straw for me was when I saw a couple of the players that had been injured smiling as they headed to the locker room, acting like they didn't have a care in the world, and showing no signs of any injuries what so ever.

I did see several players struggle to get up late in the game after tackles or other plays, and have an added respect for those players because they never asked to come out of the game, and simply kept on going. Those are the type of players Elba must have to turn things back around.

Elba Tigers host Luverne

Area teams hope to bounce back from "lost" week

The third week of the high school football season will kickoff Friday night, and teams in the area are hoping that better days are ahead after the second week of the season proved to be a "lost week" for all five teams in the area.

Following is a preview of this week's action:

LUVERNE AT ELBA

One of Alabama's oldest and most hotly contested high school football rivalries will take place Friday night in Elba's Tiger Stadium when the Elba Tigers and Luverne Tigers tangle in a key Class 3A, Region 1 battle.

Both teams will enter the annual clash with 0-2 records, with Elba suffering losses to Straughn 27-7 and Samson 19-14, and Luverne having losses to Highland Home 40-8 and Goshen 29-13.

"Both teams will enter the game with disappointing 0-2 records," said Elba's Coach Julius Head. "But this game will be the first region game for both teams, and you know that when Elba and Luverne get together it will be a tough, hard-hitting football game. The team that wins Friday night will soothe a lot of wounds."

"Luverne was down last year and hasn't won a game this season," admitted Coach Head. "But they have a pretty good football team, and are more than capable of winning every time they hit the field. Their quarterback has been around for three years and does a good job winning the offense, and they have just as much quickness as ever. In their opening two games they played teams that were quicker than they were, and that took away their advantage. However, this week they will have a decided advantage in quickness over us, and

we all know that we are in for a real dog fight."

Luverne, coached by Butch Norman, is led on offense by three-year quarterback Justin Moody, and a pair of speedy receivers in Jeffery Hihum and Brad Crittenden. The Tigers from Crenshaw County also have good speed in the backfield in halfback DeQuan Mitchell and wingback Joseph Looney, and rely on their quickness to move the football using misdirection plays on the ground, and the pass.

"For us to get a win this week we will have to play physical football up front on both offense and defense, be smart and tackle well on defense, and not fumble the ball on offense," said Head. "We have proven in the first two games that we can move the football, and now we have to take that next step and put points on the scoreboard. To do that we have to be physical when we get in close, and quit making mistakes. Over on defense we have to tackle better and grab physical. We have had problems bringing down our opponents' running backs in the first two games, and that is because we are reaching and grabbing instead of putting our helmets where they belong. It is time to start hitting folks on both sides of the ball, and when we do that we should improve and win some ball games."

These two teams played one of the state's most infamous games last season when a third quarter fight resulted in the game being stopped, and being declared a loss for both teams. While both coaches will work hard to make certain this game won't be a repeat of last year's, there is no doubt that both teams will get after each other, and that will be one of the most hotly contested games of the season for both teams!

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Geneva's Coach Leavy Bourwell has always said that football isn't a contact sport, it is a "collision sport." I know that recent years the Elba Tigers have been in on more than their share of collisions, and absorbed more pain than they passed out. However, the Tigers do have some players on the team now that can start turning the program around, and they have to step to the front and be leaders. They have to lead on and off the field, lead by example, and show the other players what it means to be an Elba Tiger. The players are on the field when the game starts and the coaches are on the sidelines. It is up to the players to turn things around, and only the players can do it!

A LOST WEEK FOR ALL AREA TEAMS IN WEEK #2

The second week of the high school football season was anything but kind to the teams in the area as all four teams suffered big losses. Here's a quick look back at a week to be forgotten....

*** ZION CHAPEL (1-1) came back down to earth with a thump last week as the Rebels were blasted by the very under-rated Hickman County Lions 40-6. The Rebels had a reason to celebrate after their season-opening win over New Brocton, but one game is only that, one game. The Rebels are still just as good, maybe better, than they were in week #1, and now must regroup and regain the winning edge needed to win week in and week out. Hang in there ZC, there are always teams better than you, just learn from the defeats and work hard.

*** NEW BROCKTON (0-2) never even had a chance in the Gamecocks' 41-0 loss to G.W. Long. The Rebels scored on their first play from scrimmage and then returned a punt to a touchdown, giving Long 14 points after only one play from scrimmage. The folks over at New Brocton knew before the year started that it might be a rough season, and it looks like reality has hit harder, and sooner than expected. The Gamecocks must keep working hard, and make certain that no matter the score or the opponent, they are never beaten because a team worked harder than they did.

*** KINSTON (0-2) didn't really play all that had despite the score in the Bulldogs' 36-2 setback to Geneva County. The Bulldog defense fought hard on every play and gained a lot of respect, but allowed touchdowns runs of 43 and 40 yards, and simply didn't have the speed to match up with the speedy Geneva County backs. Now that the defense has started to grow up, it is time for the offense to step up and put some points on the scoreboard. The Bulldogs have the players to score points, and once they can work out the kinks, Kinston will get to taste victory.

*** BRANTLEY (1-1) saw its stranglehold on its county rivals come to an abrupt end in a 42-21 loss to Highland Home. The Bulldogs were able to match the Flying Squadron point for point for much of the game and led early in the fourth quarter, only to watch Highland Home score three touchdowns late to pull away and post the win. The Bulldogs looked better last week than they did in week #1, despite losing, and still have plenty of time left to put everything together and make another run at a title. The schedule will lead to some more tough games, but nothing is more dangerous than a Bulldog that has been injured.

NEW BROCKTON AT WICKSBURG

Two teams looking for their first win of the season will tangle Friday night in Wicksburg when the New Brocton Gamecocks hit the field to battle the Wicksburg Panthers.

The Gamecocks will enter the game with an 0-2 record after suffering losses to Zion Chapel 34-14 and G.W. Long 41-0, while the Panthers will also carry an 0-2 slate into the game after losses to Headland 27-0 and Reloketh 19-6.

The Gamecocks are under-sized and inexperienced at just about every position on the field, but have shown heart in both losses, and should be looking forward to their visit to tangle with Wicksburg.

Wicksburg, under the direction of Coach George Tatom, was expected to struggle this season after losing 11 starters off last year's 11-1 squad, but the 0-2 start has even the most dedicated Panther fans scratching their heads. The Panthers are led on offense by senior quarterback Chris Smith and junior tackle Terry Harvey (220), while leading the way on defense are linemen Josh Jones (190), Harvey (220) and Matt Schuler (215). Wicksburg has to be considered a big favorite, despite its 0-2 slate. However, the Gamecocks know there is nowhere to go but up, and are getting closer to being a competitive team. This one could be a lot closer than many might think.

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PLEASANT HOME AT ZION CHAPEL

Two teams looking to bounce back after week #2 losses will butt heads Friday night at Jack's Green Memorial Stadium when the Zion Chapel Rebels host the Pleasant Home Eagles, in an important Class 1A, Region 2 clash.

The Rebels will carry a 1-1 record into the game after defeating New Brocton 34-14 and falling to Houston County 40-6, while the Eagles will also bring a 1-1 record into the contest after posting a win over Lynnan Ward 33-22 and falling to Red Level 49-7.

Zion Chapel saw its explosive offensive attack sputter last week in the loss to the 2A Lions, but the Rebels have talented players in quarterback Marcus Taylor, running back Josh McHaffey and wide-receiver Josh McWaters, and have proven they can put points on the scoreboard.

Pleasant Home is led on offense by tailback Arthur Coleman, who gained over 2,000 yards last season in junior high, and in the Eagles' week #1 win rushed for over 300 yards to garner statewide honors. The Eagles have had problems on the defensive side of the ball, allowing 71 points in two games, but after a win and a loss, should be ready to settle in and compete in their first football season in 66 years.

This may not be one of the high-light games for week #3, but it should be one of the most entertaining matchups of the week involving area teams.

QUICK KICKS....

*** I would like to commend the Elba fans for their attendance at the opening two games of the season. Elba's side of the field has been almost filled for both games, and while the noise hasn't been as loud as possible, at least the fans are in the seats and that shows support for our students, no matter if they are on the field, on the sidelines or in the band. The kids appreciate your support, and believe me, it is noticed.

*** The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team opened its season last week with a loss to Kinston, but despite the fact the Lady Tigers came out on the short end of the score, they played hard and gave the talented Lady Bulldogs a better match than in years past. The volleyball team is very young and inexperienced. However, the girls don't make excuses and don't look to point fingers when something goes wrong. With that kind of attitude, and some hard work in practice, this bunch will win their share of matches and surprise a bunch of folks.

*** The Elba Junior Tigers won their season opener last week in football over New Brocton, and while I will admit New Brocton might not be the toughest opponent around, a win is a win. The Junior Tigers have a big squad in both size and numbers, and if they will work hard, develop good habits and learn fundamentals, they will be winners as they move up to the varsity. If the junior players will learn how to play the right way, it will pay off and the wins will come.

*** Alabama was not real impressive in any part of the game last week, but did have too much talent for Vanderbilt and rolled to a 28-10 win. The Tide must improve drastically on offense if it hopes to win a bunch of games, and maybe after two games the coaches will be able to watch films and make sure the best players are on the field, especially in key situations. The win was good, but this team is still a long way from being an SEC contender.

*** I watched Auburn's win over Ole Miss, and must admit that the Tigers are already vastly improved from a year ago. The addition of Rudi Johnson at running back has given the Tigers a much needed spark offensively, and it is amazing how much better the line seems to block when it has a good back to block for. Auburn must still get better play from its quarterback and the defense if it hopes to win week in and week out. However, from the viewpoint of someone that is definitely not an Auburn fan - Auburn ain't that bad!

*** The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will open its soccer season next week, and over 100 kids registered to take part in this new sport in town. The coaches will have to learn the game just like the players, but it looks like soccer has arrived, and my guess is that it will only get bigger in years to come. If you think the recreation department slows down this time of the year, guess again! This fall the department has three youth teams playing football every weekend, over fifty cheerleaders on the sidelines cheering the players on, over 100 kids learning the sport of soccer, and three teams learning the sport of fast-pitch softball. When you add up the players and coaches, the department has over 300 youth and adults actively taking part in recreation this fall. Not bad for an off season.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PLUGS AWAY

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office over the weekend and boasted that he hit on 27 of 32 picks last week, in spite of such upsets as Highland Home over Brantley, Samson over Elba and Hillcrest over Andalusia. The local guesser pointed out his correct picks in toss-ups like Andalusia over Enterprise, Charles Henderson over Opp and Goshen over Luverne, and before leaving bragged that he was off on his last pick, ever at 49-13 for the season. Now that he has finished bragging, look for the slump to begin!

ELBA VS. LUVERNE

It will be a war of the 'Cats for the third straight week as the Elba Tigers hang a gang of out-of-town Tigers for the third time in three weeks. Elba gave one away last week against Samson, while Luverne showed signs of improvement in its loss to Goshen. If Elba can cut back on its mistakes and avoid the big plays it could finally get in the win column. Hey Tigers, three times and you are out!

ELBA 22 LUVERNE 20

NEW BROCKTON VS. WICKSBURG

Both of these teams are still hunting their first win of the season, which means that both squads will be giving their all to reach that goal. Let's see, the Panthers will be at home, and there is no doubt a Panther is a better hunter than a Gamecock. Sorry Gamecocks, it looks like another lesson in humility.

WICKSBURG 27 NEW BROCKTON 8

ZION CHAPEL VS. PLEASANT HOME

The Zion Chapel Rebels will open region play this week against the Eagles from Pleasant Home, and had better be ready for war, because these Eagles are a lot better than many people realize. The advantage in speed has to go to the Eagles. However, the Rebels are at home, and could have a trap ready for their guests.

ZION CHAPEL 32 PLEASANT HOME 26

KINSTON VS. ARITON

The Bulldogs thought before the season started that they would have at least one win under their belts by this time in the young season, but will travel to Arton with an 0-2 record and having allowed almost 40 points per game. The guess here is that even though the Bulldogs may be the better team, the Purple Cats will have no fear of their guests, and will score late to escape with the win.

ARITON 14 KINSTON 12

BRANTLEY VS. G.W. LONG

The Brantley Bulldogs spanked the Rebels' 54-13 last season in the playoffs, but this year the game will be played over in Skipperville, and the Rebels have different plans for the post-game party. Brantley has looked like anything but a state title contender in the opening two weeks of the season, and this week will have to put up or shut up. It could be a quiet ride home.

G.W. LONG 26 BRANTLEY 24

OTHER PICKS:

Auburn 17 Dothan 10
Opelika 41 Northview 7
Enterprise 17 Central, Phenix City 15
Charles Henderson 21 Livingston 14
Fafaula 27 B.T. Washington 7
Wetumpka 20 Carroll 17
Geneva 35 Abbeville 8
Daleville 13 Ashford 0
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Houston Academy 22 Slocomb 20
Geneva County 21 Cottonwood 7
Houston County 28 Samson 14
Excel 32 Florala 14
Headland 14 Bullock County 13
Dale County 27 Rehoboth 3
T.R. Miller 21 Andalusia 14
UMS-Wright 17 Opp 15
Smith Station 21 Southside 6
St. Pauls 28 Greenville 13
Hillcrest 21 Wilcox Central 15
Clarke County 30 Monroe County 16
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SPORTS

In 19-14 loss to Samson

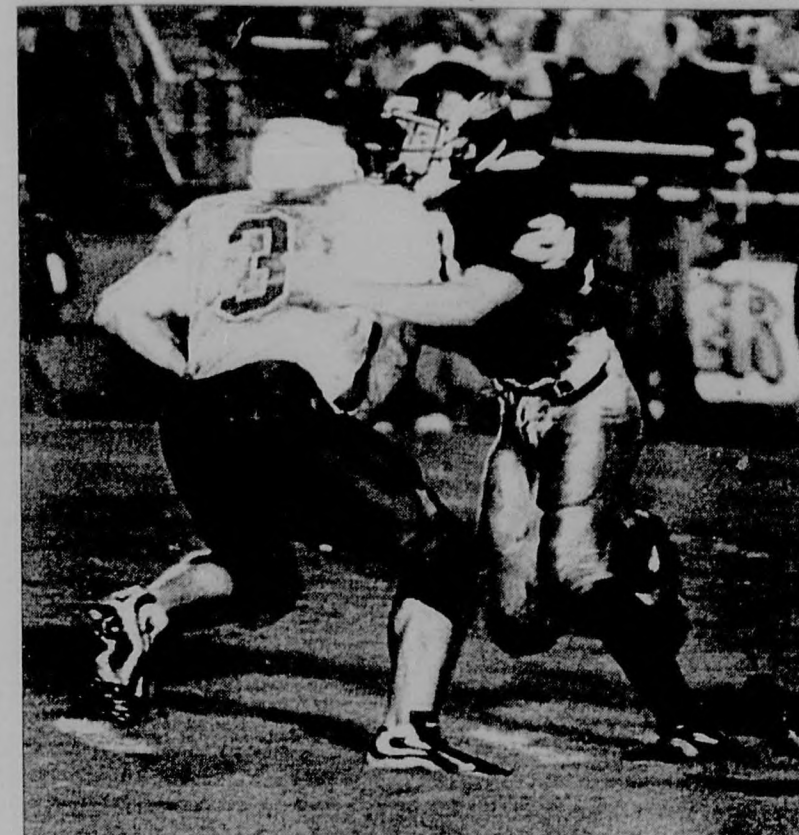
Tiger turnovers prove fatal

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

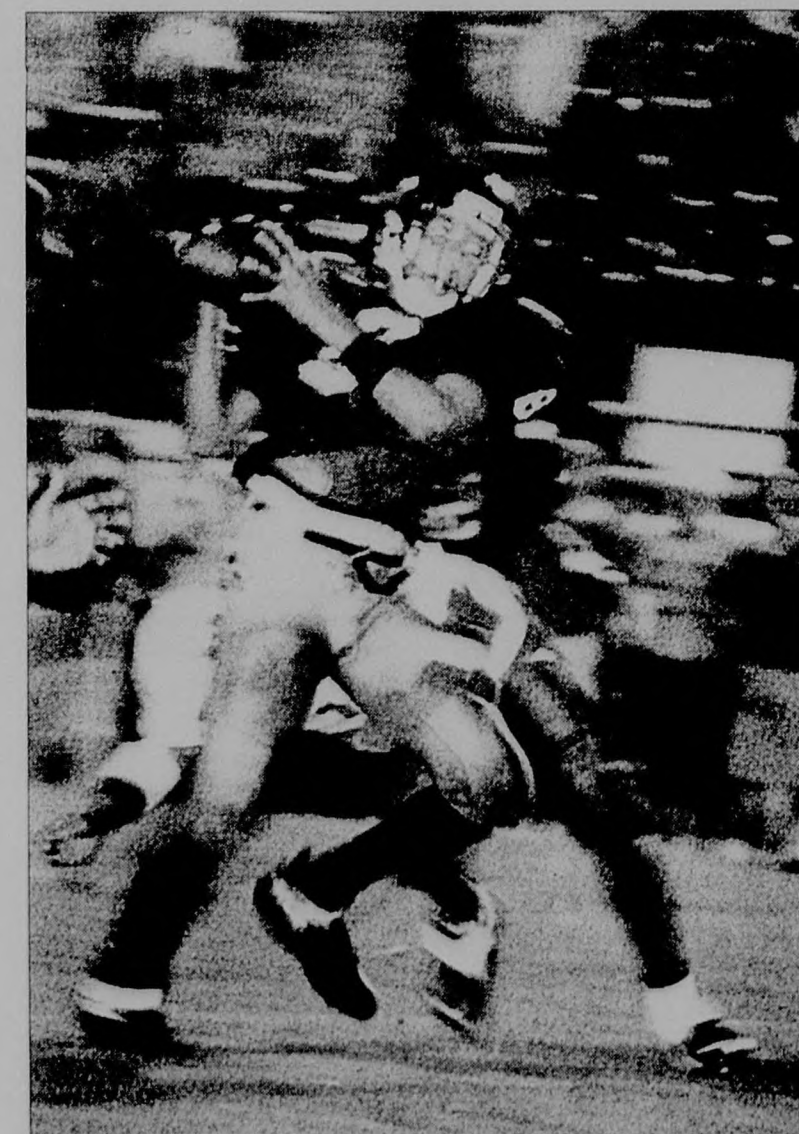
The Elba Tigers jumped out to a 14-0 second quarter lead Friday night and appeared to be headed for their first win of the young season, but then self-destructed on offense, as Samson turned three Tiger turnovers into three touchdowns and held on late to post a 19-14 win in Elba.

The loss left Elba with an 0-2 record, while the win upped Samson's record to 2-0.

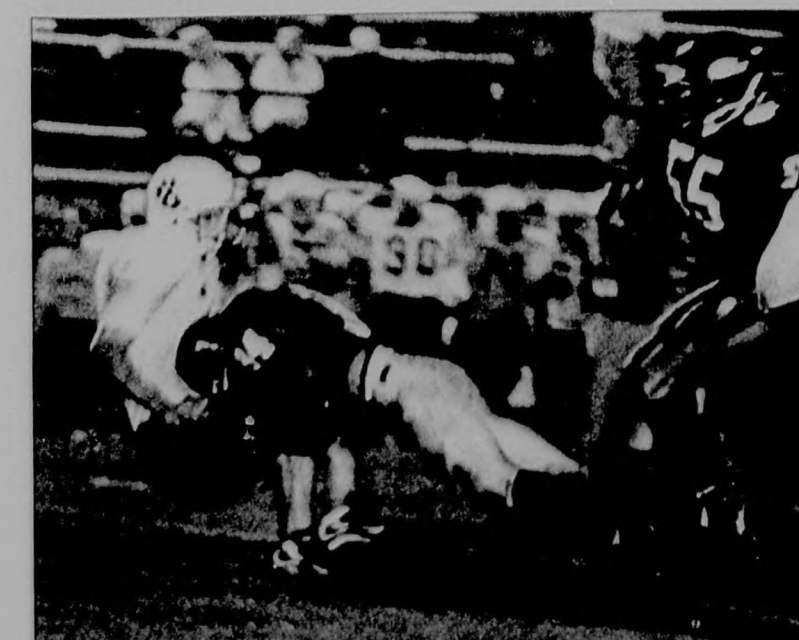
Elba got a break on the opening kickoff when Samson's Terrell Davis fumbled after breaking into the open, and the Tigers' Jonathan



Elba Tiger defensive end Alan Head (20) sacks the Samson quarterback for a big loss. Head had 4 tackles as the Tigers saw their record slip to 0-2 on the season.



Elba Tiger tight-end Marcus Henderson (8) reaches back over his shoulder to make a catch for a big gain. The Tigers will be at home again Friday night when they host the Luverne Tigers in a key Class 3A, Region 1 battle.

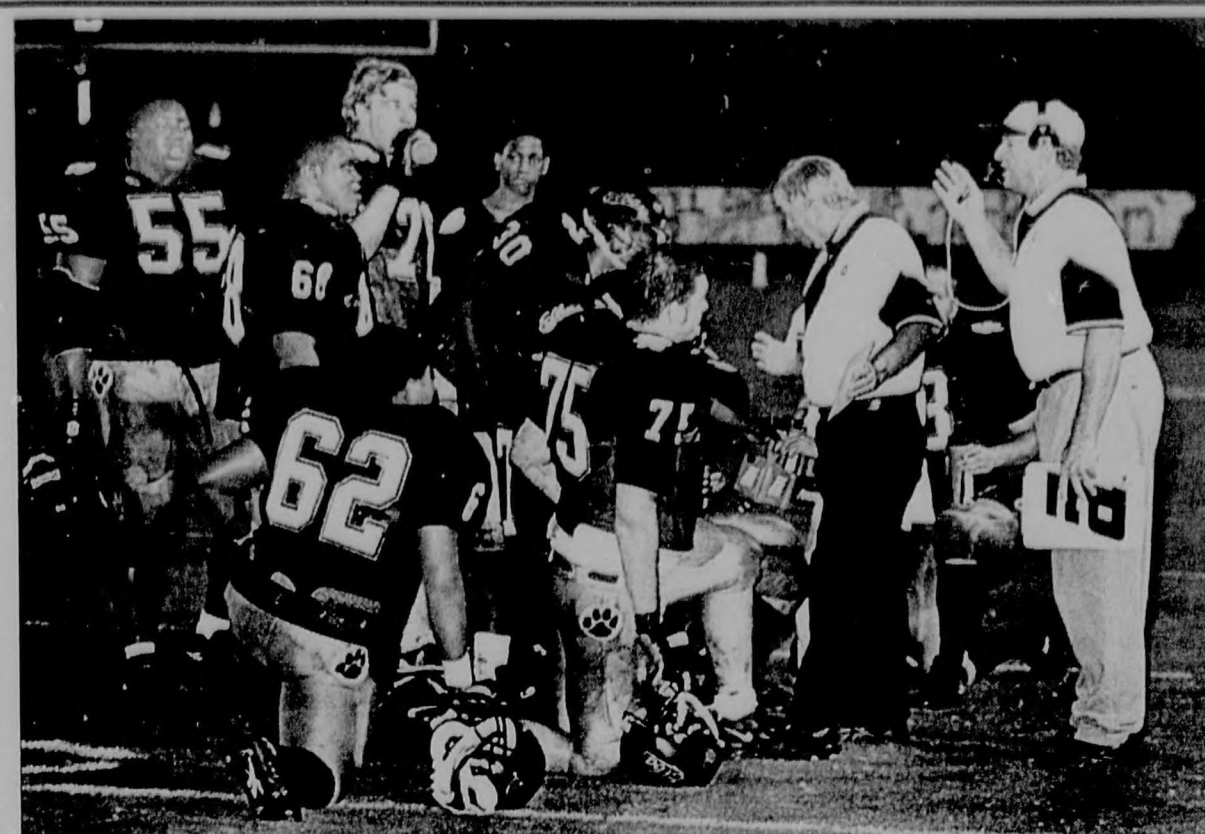


Elba's Michael Sams (34) applies a big hit to a Samson runner during action last week. Sams and the Tigers dropped a 19-14 decision to Samson as their record slipped to 0-2 on the season. Closing in to help is Michael Reed (55).

Head pounced on the loose ball at the Samson 38-yardline. The Tigers quickly moved to a first down at the 24 after a 14-yard dash by Josh Moultrie, but failed to take advantage of the early scoring opportunity, as on fourth down a Brandon Petty pass fell incomplete.

Elba dodged a bullet on the ensuing possession when a clipping penalty nullified a 77-yard touchdown run by Samson's Terrell Davis, and then brought the Tiger fans to their feet as Elba marched 48 yards in only five plays to get on the scoreboard.

A 12-yard pass from Brandon Petty to Marcus Henderson on third



ELBA COACHES TALK IT OVER... Elba Tiger head coach Julius Head and assistant coach Mike Waters talk with their team during a time-out. Among the Tigers pictured are (l-r) Michael Reed (55), Brian Brunson (68), Patrick Tyson (62), Carson Waters (78), Josh Moultrie (30) and Gavin Maulden (75).

Elba's fortunes went from bad to worse in a hurry, as on the ensuing kickoff the Tigers' Darryl Burks fumbled after being hit, and Samson recovered at the Elba 18-yardline. Timmy Bess covered the 18 yards to the endzone on four running plays, and although a low snap foiled the extra-point try, Samson had pulled within 14-13 with only :24 left in the half.

The teams swapped punts on their initial possessions of the third quarter, with Elba winding up with the ball at its own 31-yardline. Michael Sams gained a total of 28 yards on three running plays to get the drive off to a fast start, while a penalty against Samson for a late hit left the Tigers with a first down at the Samson 27-yardline. An 8-yard gain by Cherelle Edwards and another penalty for a late hit moved Elba to a first and goal at the 9-yardline, and the Tigers appeared ready to add to their lead after a 4-yard gain by Sams moved the Tigers inside the five. Elba's drive came to an abrupt halt, however, as

on the next play Sams failed to get the handle on a pitch-out, and Samson's James Thomas scooped up the fumble and raced 89 yards for a touchdown. A two-point conversion failed, but Samson had erased a 14-0 deficit and was now on top 19-14 with 4:00 remaining in the third quarter.

Samson regained possession at its own 17-yardline with 2:08 left in the quarter, and went on a 17 play drive that ate up almost nine minutes off the clock. The drive was highlighted by the running of Timmy Bess and Lucas Davis, and even though Samson failed to add to its lead, the drive ate up 8:53 off the clock, and left Elba with little time to stage a rally.

Elba did have two more possessions in the final minutes of the game, but lost a fumble to end one series, and failed to convert on a fourth down pass on the second, as the Tigers dropped their second loss of the season 19-14.

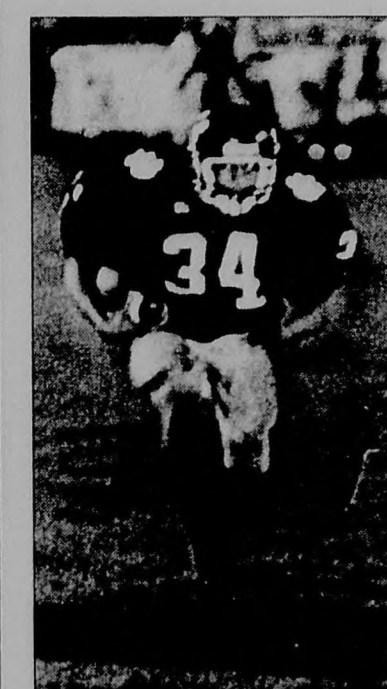
Josh Moultrie gained 60 yards on 9 carries and scored 1 touchdown to

lead the Elba ground game, while Michael Sams added 44 yards on six carries, and scored a touchdown. Brandon Petty completed 6 of 10 passes for 44 yards, with Marcus Henderson pulling in 2 catches for 35 yards.

The Elba defense was paced by Michael Reed with 8 tackles and 2 assists, while Brandon Salter had 6 tackles and 3 assists, and Michael Sams had 6 tackles. Timmy Bess gained 103 yards on 30 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead Samson.

STATISTICS

	E	S
1st Downs	10	10
Rushing Yds.	82	115
Passing Yds.	44	24
Total Offense	126	139
6-10-0	Passes	1-4-0
6/4	Fumbles/Lost	4/1
2-34	Punts-Ave.	5-29
45	Penalty Yds.	104



TIGER TOUCHDOWN!!!! Elba sophomore running back Michael Sams (34) crosses the goal line for an Elba touchdown in last week's battle against the Samson Tigers.



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SPORTS



Gamecock tight-end Nicky Anderson (88) puts a crumpling block on a G.W. Long defender in last week's 41-0 loss to the undefeated Rebels. New Brockton fell to 0-2 with the loss, and will return to action this week against the Wicksburg Panthers in Wicksburg.

Gamecocks slip to 0-2

New Brockton ripped by Rebels 41-0

By Josh Lewis, SportsWriter

The New Brockton Gamecocks simply never had a chance Friday night as they dropped their home opener to the G.W. Long Rebels 41-0, in New Brockton.

The loss left the Gamecocks with an 0-2 record, while G.W. Long improved to 2-0 with the easy win.

G.W. Long wasted little time taking the lead as B.J. Woods lofted a 65-yard scoring pass to Ben Woods only twenty seconds into the game. Jeff Williams returned a New Brockton punt 75 yards for a touchdown only two minutes later, and the rout was on for the highly-touted Rebels.

The remaining G.W. Long scores came on a 63-yard punt return and a 47-yard run by Williams, an 80-yard sprint by Lorenzo Williams, and a 50-yard touchdown run by Eric Long.

Tyler Simmons gained 52 yards on 12 carries to lead the New Brockton offense, while Jeremy Meeks added 29 yards on 10 tries. The Gamecock defense was paced by Demetrius Foster with 10 tackles, while Jody McCormick had 9 tackles and Jeremy Meeks had six carries to lead the Rebels, while Jeff Williams added 71 yards on three carries and Eric Long added 63 yards on two carries.



New Brockton's Nicky Anderson (88) tries to fight through a block during action last week against G.W. Long. The Gamecocks will hit the road this week for a trip to battle the Wicksburg Panthers in an important Class 2A, Region 2 clash.

Highland Home scores late to grab win
Brantley Bulldogs outscored by Flying Squadron 42-21

By Greg Brunson, SportsWriter

Big plays and a lot of offense were the themes Friday night as the Brantley Bulldogs traveled to the Highland Home to battle their cross-county rivals, and when the clock reached :00 it was the Flying Squadron that had the victory, as Highland Home scored three late touchdowns to claim a big 42-21 come-from-behind win.

Brantley set the stage for the night on the game's first play as Andy Johnson hit Michael Mitchell for a big 48-yard pass completion to the Highland Home 39-yardline. Two plays later Darrell Owens lit up the scoreboard on a 19-yard touchdown jaunt up the middle, and Gregory Daniels added the extra-point to give Brantley a 7-0 lead with 9:47 remaining in the first quarter.

Highland Home put the ball in play at its own 37-yardline following an exchange of punts, and showed it too could score when on third down and five John May took a pitch around the right end and raced 58 yards into the endzone. Doug Norman added the extra-point, and with 07 left in the quarter the two rivals were tied at 7-7.

Highland Home punted the ball to the Bulldogs midway through the second quarter, and Brantley brought its fans to their feet as Darrell Owens returned the punt at the 35 and raced 65 yards into the endzone to put the Bulldogs back on top! Daniels tacked on the extra-point, and with 4:49 remaining in the half Brantley was back on top 14-7.

Highland Home took the ensuing kick and quickly answered the Brantley score as the Flying Squadron covered 85 yards in 13 plays to get back into the endzone. The score came on a 7-yard pass from D.J. Chambers to Steven Pruitt, and Doug Norman booted the extra-point, as Highland Home pulled back even at 14-14 with :44 remaining in the half.

Highland Home's John May intercepted a Bulldog pass late in the third quarter to put the Squadron in business, as the Brantley 25-yardline, and four plays later Highland Home had its first lead of the night! The touchdown came on

STATISTICS		
B	1st Downs	H
13	33-188	15
77	Passing Yds.	41-310
265	Total Offense	344
2-11-2	Passes	4-0-0
30	Return Yds.	129
10-95	Penalties-Yds.	5-45
3-26	Punts-Ave.	3-31

Kinston Bulldogs fall hard to
2A Geneva County 36-2

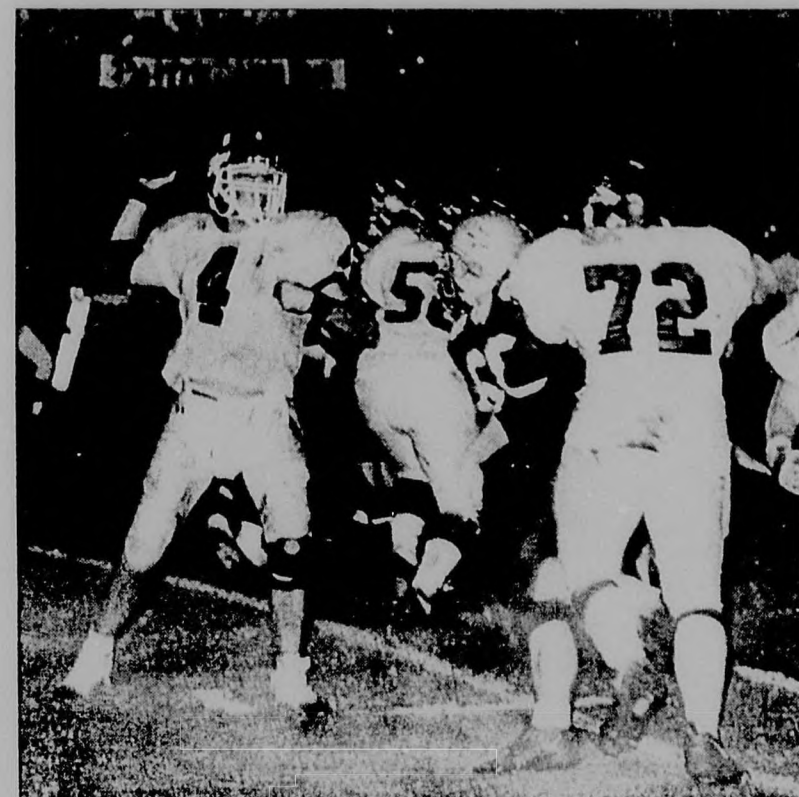
From Staff Reports

The Kinston Bulldogs continued their early-season struggles Friday night as they lost to the 2A Geneva County Bulldogs 36-2, in Kinston. The loss dropped Kinston's record to 0-2, while Geneva County evened its record at 1-1 with the win.

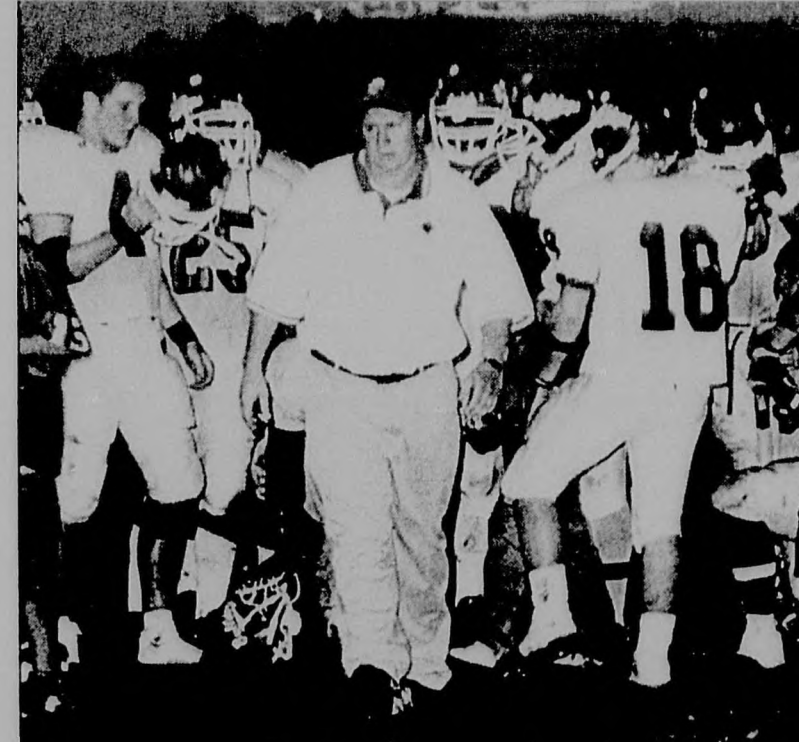
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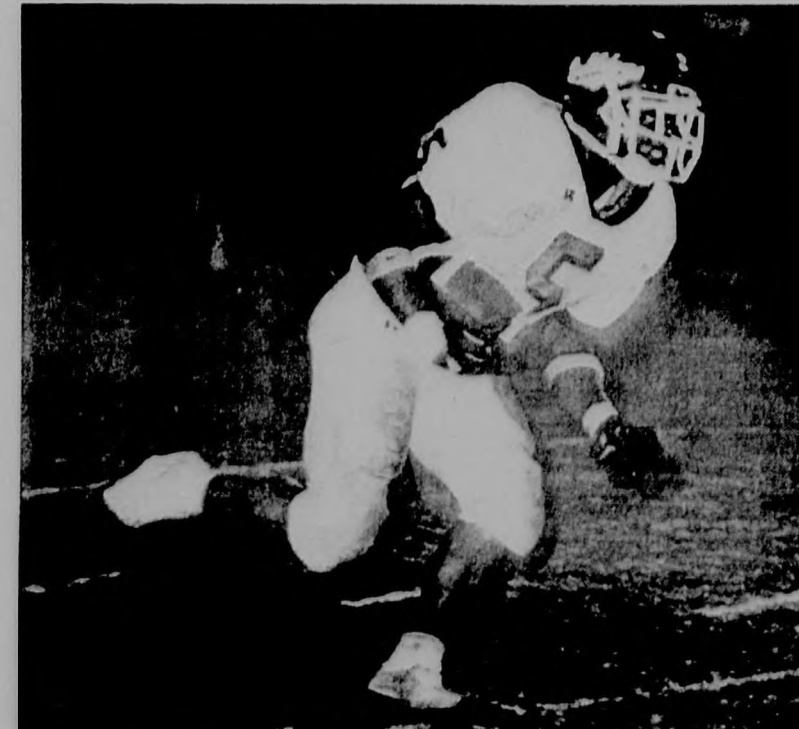
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Brantley Bulldog quarterback Andy Johnson (4) prepares to fire a pass toward the sidelines in the Bulldogs' 42-21 loss to Highland Home. The Bulldogs will travel to Skipperville Friday night to battle the G.W. Long Rebels.



Brantley Bulldog head football coach David Lowery doesn't appear too pleased as he leaves the huddle during a time-out in last week's 42-21 loss to Highland Home. It was the first regular season loss for the Bulldogs in Coach Lowery's tenure with the Bulldogs.



Brantley's Darrell Owens (5) looks for room to roam in the Bulldogs' 42-21 loss to Highland Home last week. Owens and the Bulldogs will battle G.W. Long this week in Skipperville.

From Staff Reports

The Zion Chapel Rebels made the long trip over to Columbia Friday night to tangle with the high-powered Houston County Lions, and found the trip back to be even longer, as the Rebels came out on the short end of a lopsided 40-6 decision.

The loss left Zion Chapel with a 1-1 record, while the 2A Lions improved to 2-0 with the win.

Houston County came out ready to play against the out-manned

Rebels and scored almost at will in the opening two quarters to grab a big 40-0 halftime advantage.

The Lions' Norris Drinkard scored on runs of 5 and 17 yards, and added a 95-yard kickoff return, to lead Houston County, while Kevin Buze gained 112 yards and scored on runs of 17 and 60 yards. The final Lions' score came on a 68-yard pass from Jonathan Rasberry to Aaron McGriff.

Zion Chapel scored late in the game to avoid the shut-out.



Zion Chapel Marching Rebel Band members perform during halftime activities. The Zion Chapel Rebels will return home Friday night to host the Pleasant Home Eagles in a key Class 1A, Region 1 battle.

WEEK #2 FOOTBALL RESULTS

The following are scores of teams with local interest:

Alabama Christian 43 Calhoun 0
B.C. Rain 19 Greenville 14
Catholic 24 Arton 10
Clay County 26 Hazlewood 14
Courtland 50 Meeks 6
Dale County 37 Carroll 8
Frisco City 44 McKenzie 0
Geneva 42 Slocomb 7

Goshen 29 Luyenne 13
R.E. Lee 25 Tuscaloosa County 21
Leroy 28 Washington County 12
Maplesville 58 Fayetteville 0
Opelika 56 Carver 0
Pike County 20 Lanett 7
Prattville 19 Enterprise 10
Red Level 49 Pleasant Home 7
Lanier 14 Northview 10
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Kinston High School announces
Homecoming plans for Sept. 22nd

Kinston High School will celebrate homecoming for the 2000-01 football season on Friday, Sept. 22. The following events are scheduled for this exciting day at Kinston:

* The fun-filled homecoming day will begin with a parade at 2:15 p.m. The band, floats, and other entries will journey through downtown Kinston to show their Bulldog Pride.

* The Kinston Athletic Club is sponsoring a barbecue. Plates are \$5 and may be picked up between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sept. 22.

* Open House and an Alumni Reception will be held in Mr. Gooden's classroom from 4-7 p.m.

* The main event of the night will be the Kinston vs. Florida football game. Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m. The Coronation of the Homecoming Court will be held during half-time. A disco dance sponsored by the Athletic Club will follow the game until midnight. For grades 7-12, prices are \$4 per couple or \$3 stag. For grades 5-6, prices are \$3 per couple and \$2 stag.

Kinston High School extends an open invitation to all Alumni and Fans to join in celebrating the 2000-01 Homecoming events.

Bowers leads
the way in SAS
Roadrunners

By Mark Chisum

James Bowers has been at the front of South Alabama Speedway's Roadrunner class since he started racing a couple of months into the season. Saturday night, he took the win in the new class's first championship race. Bowers led the first nine laps of the 40-lap feature before Timbo Kendrick used the outside groove to take the lead.

Bowers regained the top spot on lap 20, when Kendrick was involved in a horrific crash involving himself, Harold Hurt, and Wayne Nelson. Ricky Barnes then took up the challenge of pursuing Bowers. Barnes was able to stay close to Bowers, but was unable to make any kind of move to pass the Opp driver. Bowers crossed the stripe 2 car-lengths ahead of Barnes to take his third win of the year. Barnes was disqualified in post race inspection, giving second place to Tim Hudson. Jason Barnhill was third, Jerry Hudson fourth, and Mike Boykin Sr. fifth.

Unfortunately, Nelson remains in a Dothan hospital, but his condition is improving. He suffered a broken leg and a concussion in the lap 20 wreck. In Limited Late Model action, Heath Mills returned to victory lane for the first time since May. Mills took the lead on lap 7 and went on to his second win of the season. Rick Northey took the lead at the start but Derris Bell went to the front on the second circuit. Bell's car got noticeably looser as the race went on. When he slipped up the track on lap 7, Mills was there to take advantage. Brett Rogers was also able to get by Bell and earned his best finish of the year, second. Marty Carrett finished third, also his season's best finish. Nix Bruce was fourth and Bell ended up fifth.

In Super Stock, Jerry Weatherington took the lead from Corey Dunn on lap 5 to take his second feature win. Dunn held on to second. Mikell Rawls' third place showing was his season's best, as was Eugene Bell's fourth. Chris Lucas rounded out the top 5.

Jeff Rudd won his 13th IMCA Modified feature of the year. Rudd led flag to flag to score his latest win. Doug Rogers was able to stay close to Rudd, but couldn't mount a serious challenge and settled for second. Jesse Barnhill finished third, Tom Galbreath fourth, and Wayne Schneider fifth.

Scott Whitehead won his third Street Stock feature of the year. Whitehead led from the start and was never challenged in the race. Jeff Smith came back from a lap 13 spin to finish second. Timbo Kendrick took home third place honors. Brian Martin was fourth and Scott Spivey fifth.

Next Saturday, SAS will have a Street Stock Winners Only race. All 2000 Street Stock feature winners, plus the winner of a non-winners qualifying race are eligible. Other classes will compete in heats and features. For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539.

Coffee County Department of Human
Resources announces new hours

Effective Monday, Sept. 18, the new hours for the Coffee County Department of Human Resources, 3881 Salem Rd., Enterprise, will be 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. For additional information, call 348-2000.

Beekeepers Club to meet Sept. 14 (Today)

The Coffee County Beekeepers Club will meet Thursday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Coffee County Extension community room in New Brockton. The club meets on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Jerry Boblenz at 894-5672.

Elba Chamber of Commerce sets busy agenda

The Board of Directors of the Elba Chamber of Commerce has set an aggressive agenda for the coming year. At last month's Board of Director's Retreat to establish its Project of Work, the Chamber looked at projects which would bring in revenues while focusing on ways to involve the members and the community as a whole.

With the city's focus on downtown revitalization, the chamber looked at events which (where possible) could be held downtown around the Square. These events are such that participation by community, school, business, church groups and individual citizens is possible.

As the city moves toward creating economic parity for all our citizens, it is imperative that all organizations, particularly the chamber, take an active lead in setting an agenda that will work toward a progressive and prosperous Elba.

Following is a partial listing of events which will be sponsored by or participated in by the Elba Chamber:

Sept. 19 - Job Fair 2000 - Morgan Square, Enterprise;
Sept. 23 - Community Wide Yard Sale - On the Square;
Sept. 28 - Annual Chamber Banquet - Elba High School;
Oct. 12 - Tailgate Party - Peoples Bank Parking Lot;
Oct. 27 - Legislative Breakfast - First Baptist Church;

Oct. 31 - Halloween Trick or Treat - On the Square;
Nov. 8 - Farm City Ladies Luncheon - National Security;
Nov. 16 - Farm City Banquet - Farm Center, New Brockton;
Nov. 25 - 13th Annual Christmas Festival - On the Square;
Dec. 4 - Alberta Martin Day - Taylor Mill Oaks;
Dec. 10 - Christmas Tour of Homes - To Be Announced;
Dec. 30 - New Years Dinner Party - To Be Announced;
Dec. 31 - New Years Eve Bash - On the Square

Details of each event will be announced prior to the event. Keep looking in The Elba Clipper for event details or call the Chamber office at 897-3125.

Alabama Fruit &
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Conference to be
held Nov. 8-10

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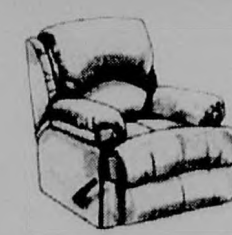
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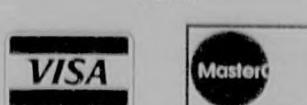
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Community News



EHS Marching Tiger Band sponsoring Golf Tournament

The Elba High School Marching Tiger Band is sponsoring a Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Elba Country Club. Starting time will be 10 a.m. Teams will be formed by handicap. Entry fee will be \$35 and includes lunch. Prizes will be awarded including closest to pin and longest drive. Door prizes will also be awarded. To sign up, contact the Elba Country Club at 897-6600 or Laura Baxley at 897-6451. All proceeds will help buy new drums for the band.

Elba City Council motion to request citywide vote on elected school board dies on 3-3 tie vote

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Monday evening the Elba City Council reapportioned three members of the Health Care Authority, which manages the local hospital and nursing home. In announcing the recommendations, Mayor James Grimes noted the authority was working well and continuing to expand services, and was doing this all without additional city tax funds. The council approved Chairman Drexel Cook for another six year term and Clayton Hickman and Reverend Virgil Coleman, both to additional two year terms.

The council also accepted the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board to rezone a piece of property between the Kinston Highway and Shiloh Church Road from AG-1 to R-4. Councilman Ben Carpenter abstained, as he serves as chairman of the Zoning Board.

The City Council approved the new \$2,313,000 operating budget for 2000-2001 and adopted a longevit plan incentive plan for employees with over five years service to replace the annual \$75 Christmas bonus approved each year for all employees. Councilman Harold Bannin voted for the new budget but opposed the pay system change. The new budget is a \$165,500 increase over the 1999-2000 budget.

The projected income shows a \$5,000 drop in the 2¢ gasoline tax, \$6,000 drop in cigarette tax and a \$50,000 drop in funds from the SE Alabama Gas District. Expense decreases are expected in Administrative salaries (\$20,000), Garbage pickup and landfill fees (\$20,000) and a \$5,000 drop in retirement funding.

Capital expenditures have decreased by \$88,000 with no plans for new police cars, mowing equipment or matching any CDBG grants (sewer). Also, a \$57,000 cash reserve in the budget last year has been eliminated. There is \$50,000

in the new budget, earmarked for street resurfacing and \$16,200 for recreation, expected to be used on two additional ball fields.

Also approved was bills totaling \$33,421.44. This included \$5,082.77 for recreation equipment and uniforms; \$5,243.97 on vehicle and equipment maintenance; \$2,737.40 for legal and other advertisements and \$2,011.50 for concrete.

The council voted to restrict the use of the Claxton Avenue Recreation Center to non-profit groups and family reunions. Mayor Grimes reported that twice recently commercial enterprises had rented the facility and he asked the council if that was the intention of council members when they set the fees several months ago. Council members expressed concern over the increased utility cost from the all day commercial rentals and the additional wear on the carpeted floor from the heavy use and moving in and out of heavy items by these commercial operations.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported that the sewer improvement and drainage upgrade contractors were now progressing well. He expects street resurfacing to get done this week if the weather permits. He told council members that the project engineers have been respecting the sewer system and are pleased with the progress.

Mayor Grimes reported that the major sewer project, funded with a USDA grant and loan, was being completed at about \$200,000 under projected cost. Grimes further explained that the city was required to first use the loan proceeds and were now working on the grant funds, which were not all going to be used unless something is added to the project. He told council members that USDA has approved the purchase of some sewer related maintenance equipment with the additional funds and with council approval they would begin seeking bids on things like a new backhoe,

under-the-road boring machine, asphalt saw, etc. Council members approved the action as long as it is approved by USDA and any legally required bid laws are followed.

Councilman Harold Bannin made a motion to ask the legislative delegation to begin work to give Elba an elected school board. He was asked by City Attorney Jeff Kelley to wait until he researched the new law to define the exact procedure for this action. However, Bannin insisted on making the motion, which was seconded, but went down on a 3-3 tie vote. John W. Sharpless, Ben Carpenter and Mayor Grimes opposed the motion being approved before an advisory opinion from the city attorney while Bannin, Winzel Gray and Ronnie Hammond voted for the motion.

Britainy Mobley wins scholarship



Britainy Lee Mobley, daughter of Wilson and Zella Mobley of Victoria, has been selected as the winner of the Pegasus Publishing Award Foundation Scholarship. Her selection was based on outstanding leadership, personal achievements and high grade point average.

Out of the thousands of scholarship applications received from across the country, Britainy was one of the eight selected winners. Her name, along with the other scholarship winners, will be announced in the 1999-2000 edition of Who's Who In Sports.

Deadline to purchase tickets to Elba's chamber banquet announced

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual banquet on the evening of Sept. 28. The Elba High School commons area is the site of the banquet and it is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. This year's banquet will feature an awards ceremony for those businesses and individuals that have gone the extra mile to make Elba shine. The business of the year, chamber member of the year and "Spirit of Elba" are a few of the awards that will be given at the ceremony.

Tickets are on sale now at the Chamber Office or from any Chamber board member. The cost is \$15 and all tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold the night of the banquet. Deadline to purchase tickets is Sept. 25. Dress for the event is casual.

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Elba awarded \$22,000 grant for preservation

The City of Elba is to receive a \$22,000 historic rehabilitation grant from the state historic preservation grants program.

The grant award we announce represents another step in the preservation of our unique and wonderful history. Everyone benefits from these grants projects. They permit the Alabama Historical Commission to continue its immeasurably important work and provides local governments and non-profit organizations needed financial support," said Lee Warner, executive director of the Alabama Historical Commission.

Grant monies will be used to rehabilitate the Old County Jail, circa 1912. The building will be adaptively reused as offices for the local Chamber of Commerce, a local history museum and community meeting place.

David Senn enrolls in AQHA Horseback Riding Program

David Senn of Jack recently enrolled in the American Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding Program. The program recognizes and rewards AQHA Members for time spent with their American Quarter Horses in activities such as trail rides, shows, working cattle, pleasure driving and simply riding.

Elba TSU Club to meet Sept. 19 at Elba Country Club

The Elba TSU Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Elba Country Club. All friends and alumni of TSU are invited to attend. Johnny Williams, athletic director, will be the speaker. Annual dues are \$25 per couple and \$15 individual. A BBQ dinner will be served.

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Governor makes brief visit to county

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Alabama Governor Don Siegelman was in Coffee County Tuesday morning pointing out the disrepair of many rural bridges in Alabama. The governor visited the bridges across Big Creek on County County

Road 308 in North Coffee County and personally inspected the 18 pilings on these two bridges which are a potential danger to the stability of the bridges and safety to traffic.

Siegelman discussed his plan to fix Big Creek Bridges, additional bridges in Coffee County and 3,000

bridges throughout Alabama that are in need of repair.

"Each day school buses transporting Alabama children are forced to detour more than 17,000 miles because of unsafe bridges," Siegelman said. "These detours by school buses cost the state \$7 million dollars a year."

County Engineer Randy Tindol said the reason Coffee County has no more bad bridges that it has is because the County Commissioners have recognized the need and worked to replace them whenever bridge funds were made available from tax sources or otherwise. Tindol said that after replacing the two bridges on Highway 308 the balance will be used to resurface some county roads as selected by the County Commission. The county is repairing a bridge across Cripple Creek, one mile East of Kinston with local funds.

Estimates are that the funds would be available to the county sometime next Spring, if the voters approve Amendment #1. Tindol said plans are already ready for bid letting as soon as the money is allocated.

The governor said this \$250 million dollar investment in Alabama's county roads and bridges would be the largest investment of its kind for the state since Big Jim Folsom's Farm to Market road project some 50 years ago. The plan is part of Amendment #1 which will provide for a greater return on Alabama's oil and gas royalty income and allow Alabama to invest inroads and bridges, rebuild the state's agricultural labs and revitalize the state port facility while promoting economic growth and expansion.

"Amendment One is the only way to fix these bridges without raising taxes," Siegelman said. Coffee County road and bridge repair would receive \$3,250,000 from Siegelman's plan.

School Board battles finances and lunchroom problems

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board voted last Thursday evening to borrow \$75,000 to cover the anticipated cash shortfall in this fiscal year. Superintendent Danny Weeks told the board members that for them not to be surprised if he had to request additional borrowing to close the fiscal year.

Another problem plaguing the board is the problem of students at school with no lunch money and parents who don't repay the money after the child is given credit. Last year over \$3,000 was written off by the office for nonpayment (over \$200 for one family). Weeks explained that state and federal regulations forbid use of lunch program funds in this manner. There-

fore the school itself extends the credit, using monies earmarked for other uses in the schools. Many students qualify for free or reduced cost lunches, but this is students who don't qualify.

Two mothers were at the meeting complaining about several elementary children being refused lunch because of outstanding charges. They were assured that all children would go fed somehow, even it was not what other students were eating.

Weeks told of many teachers and administrators repeatedly giving children lunch and/or breakfast money.

A slush fund (or donation fund) was suggested and may be set in motion, but Weeks explained there are administrative problems with this also because they already have

the free and reduced rate lunches for those who qualify. He wondered about how to control this type fund when some children just forget the money occasionally while others from families with the same ability to pay just took advantage of the situation and never sent any lunch money.

Another suggestion was to buy a loaf of bread and jar of peanut butter to feed the children who failed to bring their lunch money to school.

Another suggestion was to take the parents who refuse to pay the bill to Small Claims Court.

(See Letter to Editor on Page 3)

Area Happenings

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES. The following games are set for Friday, September 22, with kick-off at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted: Elba Tigers are on the road against Opp. Zion Chapel travels to Arton; Kinston is at home against Florala (HC); New Brockton entertains Cottonwood; and Brantley plays host to Southern Choctaw.

KINSTON HOMECOMING. Kinston High School will celebrate homecoming for the 2000-01 football season on Friday, Sept. 22. The fun-filled homecoming day will begin with a parade at 2:15 p.m. The Kinston Athletic Club is sponsoring a barbecue. Plates are \$5 and may be picked up between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Open House and an Alumni Reception will be held in Mr. Gooden's classroom from 4-7 p.m. The main event of the night will be the Kinston vs. Florala football game. Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m.

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, September 25, 2000, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual banquet on the evening of Sept. 28. The Elba High School commons area will be the site of the banquet, and it is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the Chamber Office or from any Chamber board member. The cost is \$15 and all tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold the night of the banquet. Deadline to purchase tickets is Sept. 25.



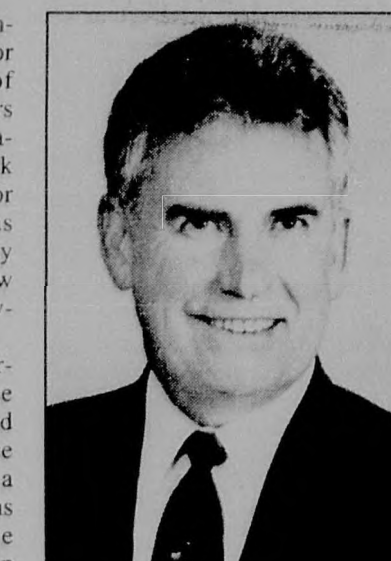
YELLOW MEANS STOP!! In this case, the yellow is a school bus. During the past several weeks, numerous school buses have once again taken to the road as local schools began the 2000-2001 school year. Recently, a student about to board one of these BIG YELLOW BUSES was forced to hit the ditch to avoid being struck by a vehicle. According to authorities, the vehicle failed to heed to the blinking red lights and the STOP sign on the side of the bus, and there were even other cars stopped waiting for the students to board the bus when the one car decided to pass the STOPPED bus anyway. This is not a fictitious scenario - it really happened! The bus driver and other witnesses were able to get a description of the vehicle and a tag number. Once the vehicle was located, a stern warning was given to its owner (in order to obtain an arrest warrant, the person actually driving the vehicle has to be identified). Everyone should remember, those YELLOW SCHOOL BUSES are carrying precious cargo, and the warning devices on these buses should be heeded by ALL! When the yellow caution lights begin flashing on a school bus, it indicates that the bus is about to stop within the next 200 to 300 feet. Once the red lights begin flashing, ALL traffic in both lanes (all four lanes should it be a four-lane highway) should immediately stop! Law enforcement officials warn that anyone failing to yield to stopped school buses will be dealt with to the fullest extent allowed law.

Gammill seeking re-election as probate judge

Probate Judge William O. Gammill announces his candidacy for re-election as Probate Judge of Coffee County. "The past six years have been very rewarding, educational and challenging and I thank the citizens of Coffee County for the privilege of serving them as their Probate Judge. I sincerely hope the people will see fit to allow me another term to continue serving them."

Under Judge Gammill's leadership the Probate offices of Coffee County have grown and improved in every area. "The Probate office and Judge are responsible for a great number of important functions for the people and I believe we have made great strides to keep Coffee County moving forward. It would be difficult to enumerate all the positive changes that have accrued over the past six years."

We have worked hard to establish and maintain a pleasant, professional and friendly atmosphere with all employees in both Probate offices. Far more compliments than complaints have come our way over the past six years and we will continue to strive to improve this important area. The internal workings of the Probate offices have come a long way and are in good shape as they have ever been. Where internal procedures were



insufficient to provide proper security - they were changed. Where

technology was insufficient - it was upgraded. When workloads reached the point of diminished service to the public - more people were hired. We will continue to get better.

We've made a lot of progress and Coffee County elections are among the best in the state. The most obvious change has been from manual machines to electronic voting. These new machines have virtually eliminated any human error in accounting for votes and vote tabulations. They are quicker, more accurate and easier to set up and use.

In my first years as Probate Judge, we saved the county \$20,000 by changing the way we

Please See JUDGE Page 14

John Coffee DAR & Wiregrass SAR Chapters honor Head and Till

Recognition will be given to two area residents during a first annual Constitution Week Awards Luncheon to start at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 21 in The Rawls in Enterprise.

The recipients are Circuit Court Judge Thomas E. Head III of Elba and Fred N. Till of Enterprise.

The luncheon is being sponsored jointly by the John Coffee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Wiregrass Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, both located in Coffee County.

Judge Head is to be awarded the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and certificate, while Till, a WWII veteran active in raising funds for the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C., is expected to receive a donation to the memorial fund.

The SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal is awarded to recognize a variety of service in the field of law enforcement. Judge Head, 52, the grandson of a former Covington County Sheriff and the great-grandson of an ancestor who was a sheriff in Georgia, began as a part-time Assistant District Attorney in the Twelfth Judicial District.

Subsequently, he became the chief assistant district judge, was appointed a district court judge in January, 1987 and was elected a circuit court judge in the Twelfth Judicial District starting in January, 1995. He is unopposed for reelection.

Till, 79, enlisted in the Army

when he was 20 and by the end of fighting in Europe had won promotion to the grade of second lieutenant.

While serving with the 14th Squadron, 11th Armored Division, he helped liberate the Austrian concentration camp named Mauthausen two days before the fighting ended.

He served 20 years in the Army and retired from active service in the grade of major in 1962. He became an instructor pilot at Fort Rucker in 1964 and retired again in 1982.

He aids in the collection and distribution of donations for the WWII Memorial as a member of the 11th Armored Division Association.

The Alabama SAR Society President R.D. Hildreth will assist Wiregrass Chapter President Richard A. Kemp in presenting the award to Judge Head.

Mrs. Roy Hilton, vice regent of the John Coffee DAR Chapter, will make the presentation to Till.

NOTICE

Effective October 1, 2000, the hours for the drive thru window at Elba City Hall will be 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The hours were previously 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.